

# HELPING GOD'S WORK

John 9:3-4

## INTRODUCTION:

- A. Jesus said he must work God's work
  - 1. Worked while He was here
  - 2. We must follow His steps 1Pet 2:21
- B. Some things that will help in God's work
  - 1. Work God's work not man's
  - 2. Like Jesus we must work while we have time

## DISCUSSION:

### I. THE GOSPEL WILL HELP (Gospel = good news)

- A. Gospel is not corruptible 1Pet 1:23
  - 1. Lives and abides forever
  - 2. Incorruptible seed
- B. Power of God to salvation Rom 1:16
  - 1. To **everyone** who believes
  - 2. Righteousness of God revealed in it
- C. Pure and simple not according to man's wisdom 1Cor 2:1-7
  - 1. Not enticing words of man's wisdom
  - 2. Faith not in man's wisdom but in power of God

### II. PREACHING WILL HELP (spreading good news)

- A. Primary obligation of the church Mk 16:15, 16; 1Tim 3:15
  - 1. Baptized believers are saved
  - 2. Added to the church and church grows Acts 2:47
- B. Save them that believe through preaching
  - 1. God chose preaching to save believers 1Cor 1:21
  - 2. They believed Philip's Acts 8:12
- C. Timothy to preach the Word 2Tim 4:2.3
  - 1. Reprove, rebuke, exhort- seems primarily to Christians
  - 2. Keep the saved, saved – time would come they would not endure sound doctrine
- D. His word manifested through preaching Titus 1:3

### III. FAITHFULNESS WILL HELP (dedicated to good news)

- A. Steadfast, unmovable 1Cor 15:58
- B. Faithful till death Rev 2:10
- C. Some did not remain faithful 2Tim 4:10
- D. We influence individuals by faithfulness Matt 5:13-16

### IV. SPEAKING SAME THING HELPS (united on good news)

- A. Speak as oracles of God 1Pet 4:11
- B. Keeps out division 1Cor 1:10; Matt 12:25
- C. Promotes love for others Phil 2:2,3
  - 1. Not strife and vain glory, but humility
  - 2. This helps the church grow spiritually

### V. SELF-DENIAL HELPS (minding the good news)

- A. Must deny self to follow the Lord Matt 16:24; Lk 14:27
- B. Put His kingdom first Matt 6:33
- C. Put treasures in heaven not here on earth Matt 6:19-21; 1Tim 6:10,17
- D. Makes us stronger, better equipped

## CONCLUSION:

- A. Are you helping or hindering the work of God
  - 1. Do we know what the gospel teaches
  - 2. Are we preaching the word or things that please men
  - 3. Are we faithful to God and His word
  - 4. Are we speaking the same things, are we united
  - 5. Are we denying ourselves or trying to get everything we want
- B. Have you obeyed the gospel
  - 1. A must before one can help in God's work
  - 2. One must become a part of God's family (see Rom 10:17; Mk 16:16; Lk 13:3; Rom 10:10; 1Pet 3:21; Gal 3: 26,27)
- C. Have you obeyed the gospel and drifted back into sin
  - 1. You cannot help in God's word, in fact you are a hindrance
  - 2. Must come back Lk 15:18; Acts 8:22