The Urgency of the Witness

Our Need to Recover the Central Mission

1. We all understand the purpose of our work.
   - Farming - Growing of certain crops or forest.
   - Marketing - Make a product at a profit.
   - Profession - Teaching, medicine or law.

2. But in the church we are happy and holy.
   - Glorious discussion.
   - Do Good Club.
   - Raising funds and telling to members.

3. Central task of the church is the witness.
   - Because crucial task is hearing the gospel.
   - The command of our Lord
     - "Go ye into all the world"
     - "You shall be my witnesses"
   - The urgency of the early church
     - "We in me if I preach not the gospel"
     - "The young man climbing Mount Bizen."
     - "Faded with delicacy of flowers.
     - Gradually, shown away the Easter"
2.

The Meaning of the Role of Humans

1. Paul's Introduction of Himself
   - These are people He has never met.
   - What kind of man He is.
   - What does He believe.
   - What are the deeper inner springs of motivation.

2. The Gospel Which is the Power of God to Salvation
   - The Gospel is something God has done for us.
     - It is something we cannot do for ourselves.
     - At the end of all human bankruptcy, the great, faithful God of all ages takes over.
     - His Gospel is centered in Jesus Christ.
       - This is God's way to us.
       - Not a new idea or morality,
         - Rais from the dead and designated the Son of God.
- This Gospel is the Power of God that can redeem a man.

- Dynamite that can blast loose old habits and prejudices.

- Power that can transform, renew, and heal all of us.

- This Power is the Love of the Lord, in our groups,
  - in unswerving prayer,
  - in the love that comes
  - in the music of suffering.

- This Gospel only can hold on a man by faith.

  - the more basic faculty we have,
  - our capacity to receive.

- This Hope has firm hold on pain.
I Am Under Obligation or I Am A Debtor

1. We all have false obligations:
   - Foolish debts we acquire.
   - Keeping up with someone else.
   - Simply trying to avoid fear.

2. Here is a new mastery:
   - Out of many false gods I have given myself to this one.
   - Being a Christian is affirming a newfoyship.
   - I have pledged my allegiance to him.
   - I am under his orders, his command.

   "If any man will come after me let him deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me."

   "As the father hath sent me - so send I you."

   --The Lord of Zion and the Man Who
   United With San Francisco Make.

3. I am under obligation to all men:
   - As Christ loves all of them so do I give
   me love for them.
- I am here to all men and their needs.

- Greeks and Barbarians,

  see cry of the girl "Will you save me?"

- Have deep "I have heard that cry"
4.

Do I Am Eager To Preach In Rome

1. There is Always A Great Eageress For The Christian.
   - All of life has become a Great Stewardship.
   - I have great & good tidings.
   - Freedom, Bread and Victor,

2. Not Knowing, Life is full of new opportunities
   - Each Day or Each Person.
   - Hope, Ambition, Along the Gospel,
     - There Are New Places That Call

   - Not only Geographic where they have never heard, China, Indiana,
     - New Areas of Life,
     - In Work, In the Country and in the City.
     - Jim Vans - The Gangs
     - Hank Tucker - Federal Undertaking
     - Howard Hess - Students

"Therefore, I am Not Ashamed"

1. Gratefully to Lay My Life Down Here McCrery
2. Hired to Save My Stand.
"Yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist."

AT THE DOOR OF THE CHURCH
Organ Prelude—"Religious Meditation"................................................Blair
Processional Hymn—"Glorious Things Of Thee Are Spoken"..................431
Invocation
Lord's Prayer and Gloria

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INVISIBLE RESOURCES
Reading of the Holy Scriptures—Romans: 1: 1-16
Choral Call to Prayer
Pastoral Prayer
Choral Response

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**Anthem—"Thou Wilt Keep Him In Perfect Peace".............................Goss
  Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on Thee.
  The darkness is not darkness with Thee
  For the night is as clear as the day;
  The darkness and the light are both alike,
  God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all.

THE COMMUNION OF SAINTS
Christian Greetings
Receiving Our Tithes and Offerings
Organ Offertory—"Canzona" ..............................................................Frescobaldi
Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

THE WORD OF GOD
Vocal Solo—"How Beautiful Upon The Mountains"..............................Harker
  Mrs. Delmar Kroon, soprano
Sermon by Pastor Fredrikson—"The Urgency of the Witness"

HUMBLE ENOUGH TO BEGIN
Hymn of Dedication and Decision—"Stand UP For Jesus"......................371
Benediction
Choral Response
Postlude

*First Service Only  **Second Service Only  ***Ushers may seat latecomers

This morning Pastor Fredrikson will greet folks at the side door, Pastor Rowe at the balcony door and Pastor Babcock at the main door.

The service this morning over KELO is sponsored by My Cleaners.
EVENING SERVICE
7:30 P.M.

Prelude
Fellowship Singing
Christian Greetings and Announcements
Scripture
Call to Prayer
Prayer
Prayer Response
Singing a Hymn
Receiving the Offering
Special Music by Byrean Blacksmith

Evening Message by Pastor Fredrikson—“Fulfilling The Royal Law”
(Second in a series on James)

Closing Hymn—“Love Divine”

Benediction—Closing Moments—“When I Survey The Wondrous Cross”
Postlude

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, 6:00 p.m.—Membership Class—Session Three
TUESDAY, 10:00 a.m.—Women’s Bible Study
10:00 a.m.—XYZ Meeting in Parlor
WEDNESDAY, 7:30 p.m.—Midweek Prayer Service
8:45 p.m.—Diaconate Meeting in Parlor
THURSDAY, noon—Senior Philathelias in the Youth Room
6:15 p.m.—Golden Circle Picnic at Tuthill Park
7:00 p.m.—Scouts in Youth Room
SATURDAY, 3:00 p.m.—Faith at Work Tea in Parlor
Zeto Class Picnic at Garretson

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Mr. Harold Wortman.........Youth
Miss Lois Harchanko.........Children

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Mrs. Vera Fredrikson
Sextons:
Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Ysbrand
Mr. Lamont Reichelt
THE LETTER OF JAMES

Chapter 2

My brethren, show no partiality as you hold the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory.

2 For if a man with gold rings and in fine clothing comes into your assembly and a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in,

3 and you pay attention to the one who wears the fine clothing and say, "Have a seat here, please," while you say to the poor man, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet,"

4 have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts?

5 Listen, my beloved brethren. Has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom which he has promised to those who love him?

6 But you have dishonored the poor man. Is it not the rich who oppress you, is it not they who drag you into court?

7 Is it not they who blaspheme that honorable name by which you are called?

8 If you really fulfill the royal law, according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," you do well.

9 But if you show partiality, you commit sin, and are convicted by the law as transgressors.

10 For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become guilty of all of it.

11 For he who said, "Do not commit adultery," said also, "Do not kill." If you do not commit adultery but do kill, you have become a transgressor of the law.

12 So speak and so act as those who are to be judged under the law of liberty.

13 For judgment is without mercy to one who has shown no mercy, yet mercy triumphs over judgment.

14 What does it profit, my brethren, if a man says he has faith but has not works? Can his faith save him?

15 If a brother or sister is ill-clad and in lack of daily food,

16 and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and filled," without giving them the things needed for the body, what does it profit?

17 So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

18 But some will say, "You have faith and I have works." Show me your faith apart from your works, and I by my works will show you my faith.

19 You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe—and shudder.
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20 Do you want to be shown, you foolish fellow, that faith apart from works is barren?

21 Was not Abraham our father justified by works, when he offered his son Isaac upon the altar?

22 You see that faith was active along with his works, and faith was completed by works,

23 and the scripture was fulfilled which says, "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness"; and he was called the friend of God.

24 You see that a man is justified by works and not by faith alone.

25 And in the same way was not also Rahab the harlot justified by works when she received the messengers and sent them out another way?

26 For as the body apart from the spirit is dead, so faith apart from works is dead.