

Saturate
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March 4, 2018

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2. It's our _____ to tell people about God's love in Jesus Christ.

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Acts 10:42-43 Christ commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that He is the One Whom God has appointed as judge of the living and the dead. 43 All the prophets testify about Him, that everyone who believes in Him receives forgiveness of sins through His name.

II Corinthians 5:19b-20 And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. 20 We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God.

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2.1 _____ make great evangelists!

2.2 We _____ do this.

3. We share God’s love out of _____.

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I John 4:19 *We love because he first loved us.*

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- Do you know how important you are to God's plan? God's economy?
- Tell your neighbor, "You are a crucial part of God's plan."

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 - Remember the things we've been learning from God's Word this year.

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- Gospel

- 1.1 There are people who don't know God's love.
 - 3.5 million people in Orlando
 - 350k attend church.
 - School shootings.
 - People who are following Jesus don't shoot up schools – or theaters, or churches, or drugs ...
2. It's our job, duty, no, privilege to tell people about God's love in Jesus Christ.
 - These verses are all familiar to you today.

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■ **Then look at the next chapter. He sent THEM.**

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-- **“But we’re Presbyterians!”**

2.1 **Presbyterians make great evangelists!**

- **John Knox. “Give me Orlando or I die.”**
- **Jonathan Edwards (& Congregationalist)**
- **Billy Sunday**
- **R A Torrey (& Congregationalist)**
- **D. James Kennedy, Evangelism Explosion.**

- Bill Bright, Campus Crusade for Christ.
 - Billy Graham. (Family attended Montreat Presb.)
 - Trump prayed the Lord would raise up many men and women to share the message of God's love.
- John 11:49-53 *Then one of them, named Caiaphas, who was high priest that year, spoke up, "You know nothing at all! 50 You do not realize that it is better for you that one man die for the people than that the whole nation perish." 51 He did not say this on his own, but as high priest that year he prophesied that Jesus would die for the Jewish nation, 52 and not only for that nation but also for the scattered children of God, to bring them together and make them one. 53 So from that day on they plotted to take his life.*
- You can be one of them those hundreds of Billy Grahams.
 - Be somebody's Billy Graham.

2.2 We can do this.

- 10 years ago there was a mailing followed by a phone call in Orlando.
(Some of us participated)
30k households were called for follow up,
10k reported people coming to faith in Christ!
- Other people have paid for these packets
- Other people have packed them for us.
- All we need to do is hand them out.
- "I will provide you with all the resources you need to do everything I call you to do."
- Actually, we're getting a special dispensation.
- Go to the homes where you did prayer walks.
- Keep records of where you distributed.
- God has done great things through similar movements in Trinidad, Guyana and French Guyana.

- JESUS Film. We've shown it on mission trips in Guatemala and Mexico and seen people give their lives to Christ –
- Especially in Mexico in the rain.
- All our confirmands watched it.
- Jessi came to faith watching it.

3. We share God's love out of love.

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- We are amateur evangelists. We do it out of love.
- "I have no other plan."