

EVEN SO SEND I YOU

JOHN 20

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Introduction:

The most important statements ever uttered came from the lips of the Lord, and here is one of them: "...as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you." That very statement indicates that whatever was required of Jesus in His coming to the earth is also required of believers. Whatever manner, whatever purpose, whatever sacrifice, whatever motivation that characterized Christ on His mission in the world must also characterize His servants in the world.

"...as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you" was addressed to Jesus' disciples corporately, but this likewise applies to all believers everywhere. As it was with our Saviour, so it must be with His servants.

"...as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you."
What does that mean?

Notice:

1. UNDER SIMILAR MANDATE

(John 20:21) "Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you."

A. God sent His Son

(1 John 4:14) "And we have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world."

(Galatians 4:4) "But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law,"

(John 3:17) "For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved."

B. Christ saw His mission

(John 4:34) "Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work."

2. IN THE SAME MANNER

(Philippians 2:7) "But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:"

A. Greatness associated with

(Matthew 23:11) "But he that is greatest among you shall be your servant."

(Mark 9:35) "And he sat down, and called the twelve, and saith unto them, If any man desire to be first, the same shall be last of all, and servant of all."

(Mark 10:44) "And whosoever of you will be the chiefest, shall be servant of all."

B. Loyalty determines our master

(Luke 16:13) "No servant can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon."

C. Recognition is not expected.

(Luke 17:7-10) "But which of you, having a servant plowing or feeding cattle, will say unto him by and by, when he is come from the field, Go and sit down to meat? {8} And will not rather say unto him, Make ready wherewith I may sup, and gird thyself, and serve me, till I have eaten and drunken; and afterward thou shalt eat and drink? {9} Doth he thank that servant because he did the things that were commanded him? I trow not. {10} So likewise ye, when ye shall have done all

those things which are commanded you, say, We are unprofitable servants: we have done that which was our duty to do."

D. Requirements for serving Christ

(Galatians 1:10) "For do I now persuade men, or God? or do I seek to please men? for if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ."

(2 Timothy 2:24) "And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient,"

3. FOR THE SAME MISSION

A. To reveal God

(John 14:9) "Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Show us the Father?"

(John 1:18) "No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him."

B. To redeem man

(Luke 19:10) "For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost."

(1 Timothy 1:15) "This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief."

1. Examples

a. Woman at the well (John 4)

C. To rear the church

(Matthew 16:18) "And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

4. WITH THE SAME MESSAGE

(John 3:14-16) "And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: {15} That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life. {16} For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

Illustration:

The song writer had it right in the words:

I love to tell the story,
For those who know it best
Seem hungering and thirsting
To hear it like the rest
And when in scenes of glory
I sing the new, new song,
'Twill be the old, old story
That I have loved so long.

5. BY THE SAME MOTIVE

(1 Corinthians 13:3) "And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing."

A. What would make us better preachers, teachers, soul winners, and Christians?

1. Feel toward sinners like Jesus feels.

(Matthew 23:37) "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not!"

a. Jesus was motivated by love

b. An awareness that there was no one else that could pay for sin,

and we need to be aware that there is only one way of salvation, and we are the only ones (believers) that know that way.

c. Jesus was also motivated by joy.

(Hebrews 12:2) "Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God."

(Psalms 126:6) "He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him."

Close:

(John 20:21) "Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you."

We have been sent with a similar mandate, in the same manner, with the same mission and the same message. Our motive should also be the same.