

**WITNESSING  
&  
TESTIFYING**

**WHY WE DO and WHY WE DON'T**

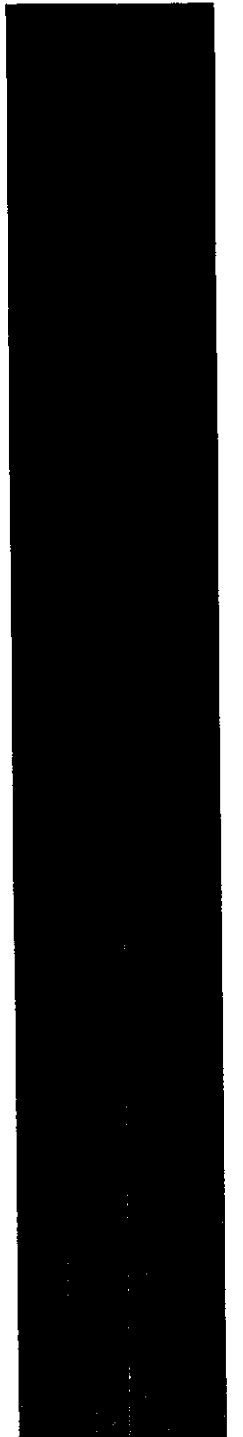
**ONLY 1% OF THE READERSHIP  
OF CHRISTIANITY TODAY  
MAGAZINE HAD  
“WITNESSED” TO SOMEONE  
IN THE PAST YEAR**

**CHRISTIANITY MAGAZINE SURVEY 2008**

OVER 80% OF THE CHRISTIANS  
SURVEYED REPLIED  
***“THEY NEVER OR RARELY EVER”***  
TESTIFIED OR SHARED THEIR  
FAITH WITH  
STRANGERS.

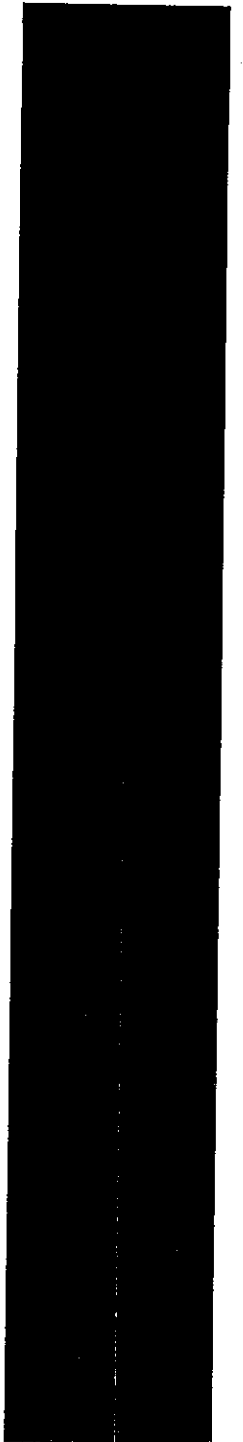
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**THIS MEANS THAT PERHAPS  
BETWEEN 80% - 99%  
OF ALL CHRISTIANS IN AMERICA  
DO NOT “WITNESS” OR “TESTIFY”  
FOR CHRIST**



**WITNESSING  
&  
TESTIFYING**

**WHY VERY FEW OF US DO  
AND  
WHY MOST OF US  
DON'T**

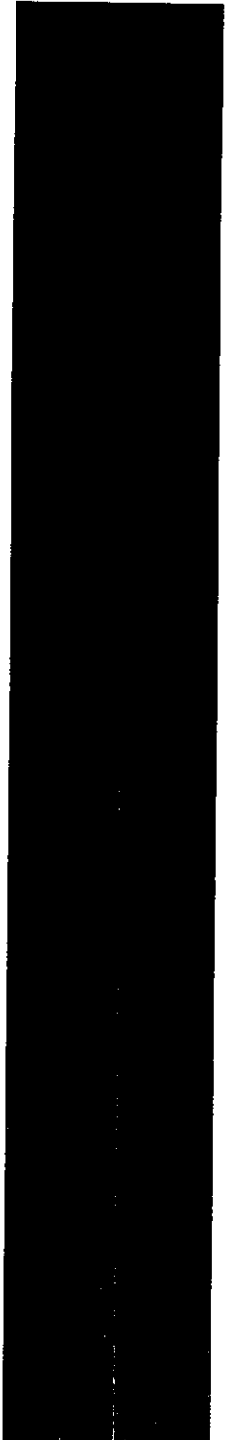


**WITNESSES MAY TESTIFY  
BUT NOT ALL  
TESTIFIERS WITNESS**



“This man came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all through him might believe. He was not the Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light”

John 1: 7-8



**EVANGELIZING  
OR  
EVANGELISM**



# DO THE WORK OF AN EVANGELIST

- ◎ 1. Preach the Gospel to all nations
- ◎ 2. Equip the saints for the ministry
- ◎ 3. Proclaim the Word of God
- ◎ 4. Correct, Rebuke and Exhort
- ◎ 5. Make Disciples, Baptize & Plant Churches
- ◎ 6. Missionary & Outreach Activities
- ◎ 7. Defend and Contend for the Faith
- ◎ 8. *Distribute Bibles & Literature*
- ◎ 9. *Witness & Testify*
- ◎ 10. *Live Righteously as Christ's Ambassador*

- ◎ “And He Himself gave some to be Apostles, some Prophets, some Evangelists, and some Pastors and Teachers,”
- ◎ “For the equipping of the saints for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ.”

Eph. 4: 11-12

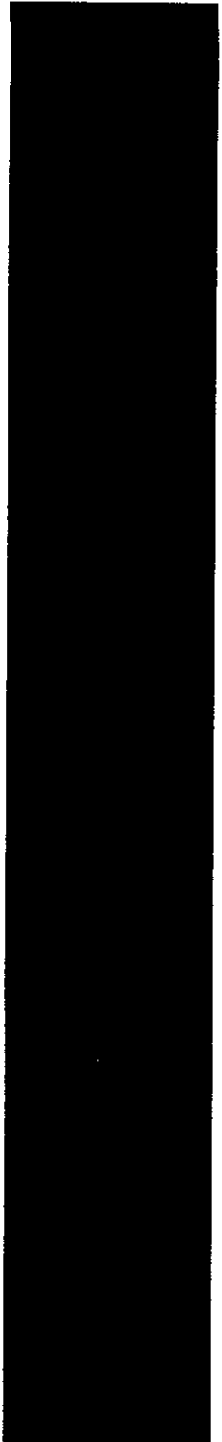


It is estimated that of all  
the hours and dollars spent  
by Churches,  
only 2% is spent on  
Evangelizing.

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**THERE ARE SIX MAJOR REASONS  
WHY WE WITNESS & TESTIFY**

**GRATITUDE  
&  
GOOD FORTUNE**



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WHY WE WITNESS & TESTIFY**

**AMAZED  
&  
ASTONISHED**

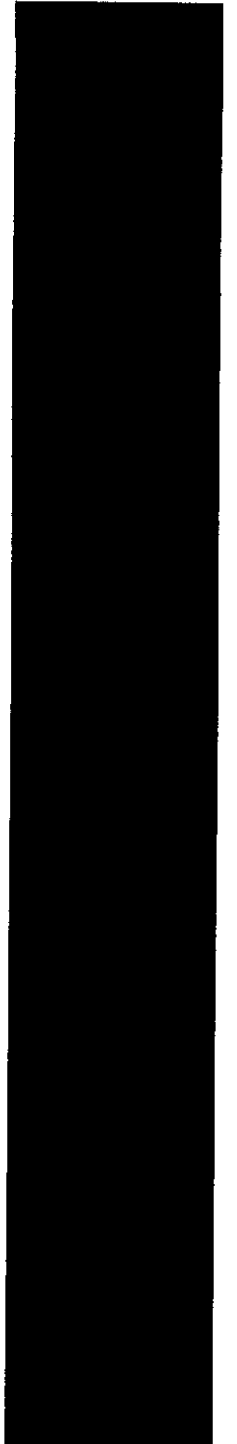


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WHY WE WITNESS & TESTIFY**

**LOVE  
&  
ADORATION**



LET ME TELL YOU  
ABOUT  
JESUS



# REVIEW

## REASONS 1 - 3

### □ 1. GRATITUDE & GOOD FORTUNE

*“I AM SAVED - COME REJOICE WITH ME.”*

### □ 2. AMAZED & ASTONISHED

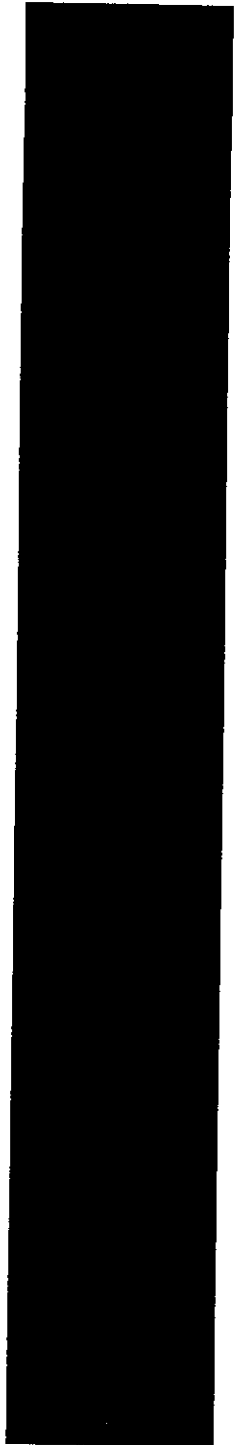
*“ THAT I MAY DECLARE YOUR WORKS”*

### □ 3. LOVE & ADORATION

*“LET ME TELL YOU ABOUT JESUS”*

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**A LOVE  
FOR THE  
LOST**



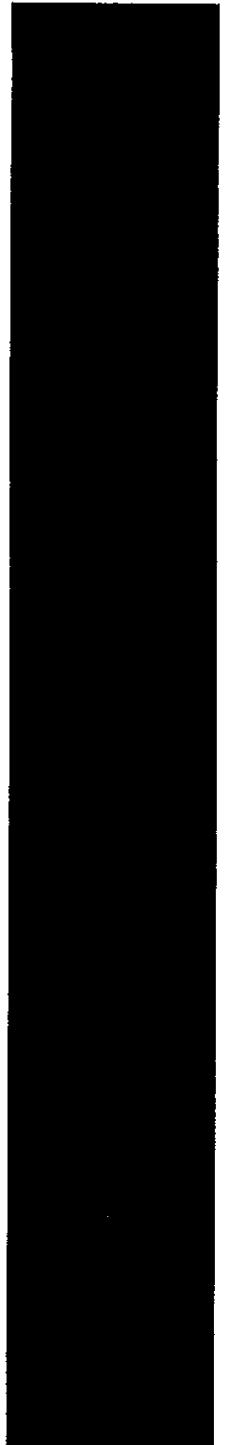
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**THE PROMISE  
OF  
FUTURE REWARDS**



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WHY WE WITNESS & TESTIFY**

**OBEDIENCE  
TO  
GOD**



# OBEDIENCE TO JESUS

“Therefore, you shall love the Lord your God and keep His requirements, His decrees, His laws and His commands always.”

Deuteronomy 11:1

Jesus said, “If you love Me, keep My commandments.”

John 14:15

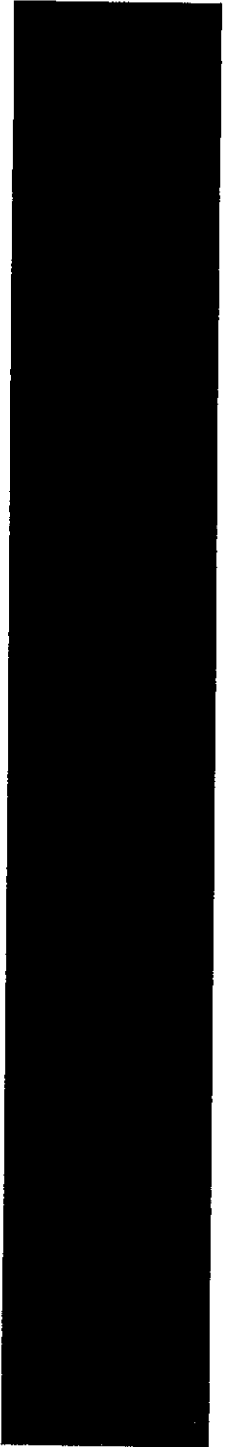
# JESUS COMMANDS US TO WITNESS TO HIM

“BUT YOU SHALL  
RECEIVE POWER  
WHEN THE HOLY  
SPIRIT HAS COME  
UPON YOU; AND YOU  
SHALL BE WITNESSES  
TO ME IN JERUSALEM,  
AND IN ALL JUDEA  
AND SAMARIA, AND TO  
THE END OF THE  
EARTH.”

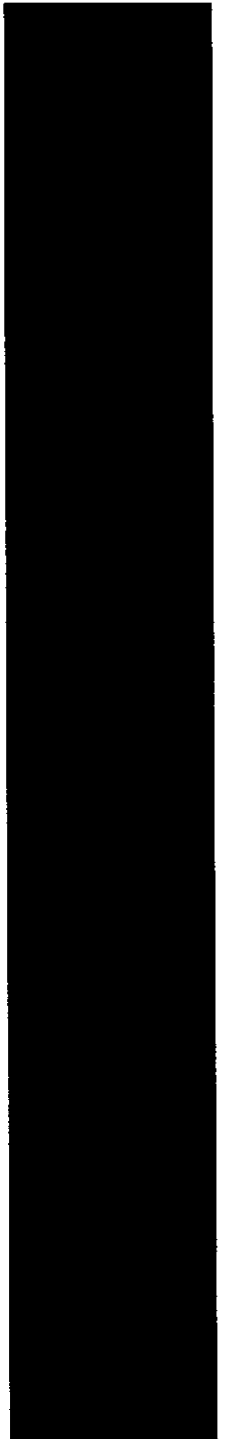
Acts 1:8

“ALSO I SAY TO YOU,  
WHOEVER CONFESSES  
ME BEFORE MEN, HIM  
THE SON OF MAN  
ALSO WILL CONFESS  
BEFORE THE ANGELS  
OF GOD.”

Luke 12:8



Every Christian is commanded by  
Jesus to be a witness to Him and  
to the Gospel of our Salvation  
*and*  
to testify by our words and  
deeds, that Jesus Christ  
Is Lord.



75% of all the Christians surveyed did  
not know what

**THE GREAT COMMISSION**

Was or how to define it.

Nearly all of the remaining 25% that  
did know what it was -

**SIMPLY IGNORE IT!**

# **WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF OUR WITNESSING & TESTIFYING?**

**TO ESTABLISH THE GOSPEL**

(ACTS 10:42-43)

**TO PROVE THAT JESUS IS THE CHRIST**

(ACTS 18:5)

**LEAD PEOPLE TO REPENTENCE TOWARDS  
GOD AND FAITH TOWARDS JESUS**

(ACTS 20:21)

**GLORIFY GOD and EDIFY THE  
CHURCH**

(MATT 5:14, 1 THESS 5:11)

# THE SIX MAJOR REASONS

## 1. Gratitude & Good Fortune

“ I am saved - Come Rejoice with me.”

## 2. Amazed & Astonished

“ That I may declare Your works.”

## 3. Love & Adoration

“ Let Me Tell You About Jesus.”

## 4. A Love for the Lost

“ Let me warn you about hell.”

## 5. Promise of Future Rewards

“ Because great is your reward in Heaven.”

## 6. Obedience to Jesus

“ If you love Me, keep my commandments.”

**IF WE HAVE SIX COMPELLING  
REASONS FOR WITNESSING &  
TESTIFYING FOR CHRIST,  
THEN WHY DON'T WE?**



“The hiding of Christ in us can never be justified, and keeping back the truth which is precious to ourselves is a sin against others and an offense against God.”

“To speak for God will be refreshing to ourselves, cheering to the saints, useful to sinners, and honoring to the Savior. Silent and still children are an affliction to the Father. Lord, unloose all your children’s tongues.”

Charles Spurgeon





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