

Can Everyone Answer the Gospel Call?

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We are blessed - truly blessed - to know Christ and to have the opportunity for salvation before us. In light of this blessing that is claimed by Christians, some have raised the question: If you (Christians) have this blessing and path to God's favor while the vast majority of the world's population does not, then isn't that saying that your God is not an equal opportunity employer? Is that a fair God? Is their question legitimate?

Some say the "Good News" is for everyone

Acts 17:29-31: (NASB) ²⁹Being then the children of God, we ought not to think that the Divine Nature is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and thought of man. ³⁰Therefore having overlooked the times of ignorance, God is now declaring to men that all people everywhere should repent, ³¹because He has fixed a day in which He will judge the world in righteousness through a man whom He has appointed, having furnished proof to all men by raising him from the dead.

It sounds like all men everywhere are invited and that invitation is for right now.

Sound bites today are excerpts from a skit done by "The Skit Guys." This particular skit is based on a story of the "chiseling" work God does on our character to conform us into the image of Christ. The skit is funny, serious and moving as it teaches the lesson of "letting go and letting God." We drop in on the skit with "God" speaking with Tommy and He has a hammer and a chisel in His hands. Due to copyright, we are unable to reproduce the dialogue in this Rewind.



(1)) Getting started, God's Chisel Remastered, The Skit Guys

Matthew 16:24-27: (NASB) ²⁴Then Jesus said to His disciples, If anyone wishes to come after me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross and follow me. ²⁵For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it; but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. (Again, sounds like anyone who wants to can jump right in!) ²⁶For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul? ²⁷For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of his Father with His angels, and will then repay every man according to his deeds.

(1) Talk or chisel, God's Chisel Remastered, The Skit Guys

<u>John 3:17</u>: (NASB) For God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through him.

The last Scripture said there would be a *judgment that would repay every man according to his deeds*, but this says Jesus did not come to judge. How do we harmonize this?

Matthew 18:11-14: (NASB) ¹¹For the Son of Man has come to save that which was lost. ¹²What do you think? If any man has a hundred sheep, and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go and search for the one that is straying? ¹³If it turns out that he finds it, truly I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the



ninety-nine, which have not gone astray. ¹⁴So it is not the will of your Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones perish.

This is another text that seems to show the idea that God wants everyone to be included. But not only has everyone *not* answered the gospel call, but the vast majority of people are not even interested in what the gospel call might have to say.



Does God have a "Do Not Call" registry? If so, who is on it?

Are they doomed?

YES! We believe God actually does have a "Do Not Call" registry!

For those He does call:

Ephesians 5:1-5: (NASB) ¹Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children; ²and walk in love, just as Christ also loved you and gave himself up for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God as a fragrant aroma. ³But immorality or any impurity or greed must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints; ⁴and there must be no filthiness and silly talk, or coarse jesting, which are not fitting, but rather giving of thanks. ⁵For this you know with certainty, that no immoral or impure person or covetous man, who is an idolater, has an inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God.

Christianity is "come as you are," but it is not "stay as you are." You need to chisel away everything else and develop a Christ-like love.

(1))The Holy Spirit reveals, God's Chisel Remastered, The Skit Guys

For those He does not call:

Mark 4:10-20: (NASB) ¹⁰As soon as he was alone, his followers, along with the twelve, began asking him about the parables. ¹¹And he was saying to them, To you has been given the mystery of the kingdom of God, but those who are outside get everything in parables, ¹²so that while seeing, they may see and not perceive, and while hearing, they may hear and not understand, otherwise they might return and be forgiven. ¹³And he said to them, do you not understand this parable? How will you understand all the parables? ¹⁴The sower sows the word. 15These are the ones who are beside the road where the word is sown; and when they hear, immediately Satan comes and takes away the word, which has been sown in them. 16 In a similar way these are the ones on whom seed was sown on the rocky places, who, when they hear the word, immediately receive it with joy; ¹⁷and they have no firm root in themselves, but are only temporary; then, when affliction or persecution arises because of the word, immediately they fall away. ¹⁸And others are the ones on whom seed was sown among the thorns; these are the ones who have heard the word. 19but the worries of the world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the desires for other things enter in and choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful. ²⁰And those are the ones on whom seed was sown on the good soil; and they hear the word and accept it and bear fruit, thirty, sixty, and a hundredfold.

Three out of four of these seed examples are Jesus stating his purpose is to leave his listeners in an unconverted and sinful state! Why would Jesus do that if he came to save the whole world?

Let's look at the Matthew rendering of the parable:

Matthew 13:19: (NRSV) When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand <4920> it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path.

Understand: Strongs #4920 suniemi; to put together, i.e. (mentally) to comprehend; by implication, to act piously.



If now was the only time for God's call to salvation, then why does a simple lack of understanding of the word give Satan the ability to take it away? Would that be fair? Would Jesus allow that to happen? The answer is that this is not really the end of the story. They are on the "Do Not Call" list now, but what is the end result of being on that list? We will explore further as we go.

For those on the "Call" list:

Ephesians 5:6-10: (NASB) ⁶Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. (Those on the "Do Not Call" list) ⁷Therefore do not be partakers with them; ⁸for you were formerly darkness, but now you are Light in the Lord; walk as children of Light ⁹for the fruit of the Light consists in all goodness and righteousness and truth, ¹⁰trying to learn what is pleasing to the Lord.

(1)Need a time out, *God's Chisel Remastered*, *The Skit Guys*

If you don't see Jesus when you look in the mirror, God needs to keep chiseling. The "Call" list is narrow because it is a difficult path.

Can both ways be right? Can God have salvation for ALL and yet have a "Do Not Call" List?

John 3:17-18: (KJV) ¹⁷For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn <2919> the world; but that the world through him might be saved. ¹⁸He that believeth on him is <2919> not condemned <2919>: but he that believeth not is condemned <2919> already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

Many Christians may look at <u>Verse 18</u> as a final judgment on those who reject Jesus, yet the word translated *condemn* really means something slightly different:

Condemn: Strongs #2919 krino; properly, to distinguish, i.e. decide (mentally or judicially); by implication, to try, condemn, punish: 1) to separate, put asunder, to pick out, select, choose 2) to approve, esteem, to prefer 3) to be of opinion, deem, think, to be of opinion 4) to determine, resolve, decree. 5) to judge

Jesus is not talking in terms of a final judgment but rather of a selection process or separating out.

<u>1 Timothy 5:24-25</u>: (KJV) ²⁴Some men's sins are open beforehand, going before to judgment; and some men they follow after. ²⁵Likewise also the good works of some are manifest beforehand; and they that are otherwise cannot be hid.

There is a scriptural principle laid out here showing that judgment for some *precedes* the Day of Judgment - the pathway of those on the "Call" list.

There are different times when judgment is appropriate. We are suggesting that the Day of Judgment is for the judging of the vast majority, but that prior to the Day of Judgment is for the "pre-judgment" of the Christian right now.

Listen For Well Done, God's Chisel Remastered, The Skit Guys

This next text shows the marked difference between judgment and condemnation:

<u>Luke 6:37</u>: (KJV) Judge <2919> not, and ye shall not be judged <2919>: condemn <2613> not, and ye shall <2613> not be condemned <2613>: forgive, and ye shall be forgiven:

Condemn: Strongs #2613 katadikazo; to judge against, i.e. pronounce guilty



Condemn here means to *pronounce*. There is a pronouncement versus a separating process. Jesus came into the world not to pronounce guilt but to save it. The pronouncement of guilt comes later in the Day of Judgment.

Matthew 12:34-37: (NRSV) ³⁴You brood of vipers! How can you speak good things, when you are evil? For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks...³⁶I tell you, on the day of judgment you will have to give an account for every careless word you utter; ³⁷for by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned <2613>.

Jesus is addressing the Pharisees. They are obviously going to be judged on Judgment Day, even though they were judged unworthy at the time Jesus was speaking to them. The difference? The first judgment was not eternal; their failure placed them in the category of needing the second judgment.

The things we do today are not forgotten by God. No one "gets away with" anything.

(1))Sacrifice and character and not image, God's Chisel Remastered, The Skit Guys

One other quick look at this judgment/condemnation idea:

John 5:27-30: (KJV) ²⁷And hath given him authority to execute judgment <2920> also, because he is the Son of man. ²⁸Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, ²⁹and shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation <2920>. ³⁰I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge, <2919>: and my judgment <2920> is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me.

Note how the King James Version translates the exact same Greek word as *judgment* but then also as *damnation*.

Damnation/judgment: Strongs #2920 krisis (kree'-sis); decision (subjectively or objectively, for or against); by extension, a tribunal; by implication, justice (especially, divine law):

AV-judgment 41, damnation 3, accusation 2, condemnation 2

1) a separating, sundering, separation 1a) a trial, contest 2) selection

God does have a "Do Not Call" list. It is a big list that includes billions of people. He also has a "Call" list - those He is calling to walk after Jesus with sacrificial lives. On the "Do Not Call" list is the "everybody else."

But this is NOT a "Do Not Save" list. It is a "Save Later" list which happens on the Day of Judgment.

What do we know so far? God definitely has a plan.

On one hand He wants to save and bless all people:

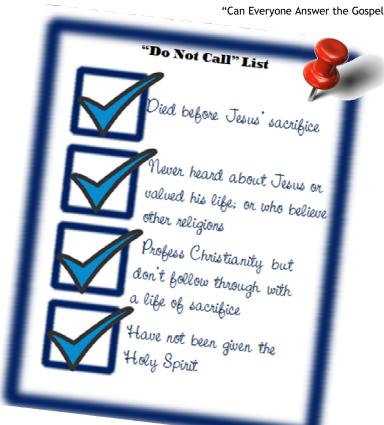
Genesis 22:18: (NASB) In your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed...

On the other hand, God through Jesus is only calling a few to understand and follow:

Mark 4:12: (KJV) That seeing they may see, and not perceive; and hearing they may hear, and not understand; lest at any time they should be converted, and their sins should be forgiven them.

Those being called now are promised a heavenly reward if they are faithful.





Remember, this is not a "Do Not Save" list; it just means "Save Later."

So, what do the lives of those following the call look like?

(1)) I can't be good. Chisel away, God's Chisel Remastered, The Skit Guys

Romans 8:14-23: (Rotherham) ¹⁴For, as many as by God's Spirit are being led, the same, are God's sons, ¹⁵For ye have not received a spirit of servitude, leading back into fear, but ye have received a spirit of sonship, whereby we are exclaiming--Abba! Oh Father! 16The Spirit itself, beareth witness together with our spirit that we are children of God; ¹⁷And, if children, heirs also, heirs, indeed, of God, but co-heirs with Christ, if, at least, we are suffering together, in order that we may also be glorified together. ¹⁸For I reckon that unworthy are the sufferings of the present season to be compared with the glory about to be revealed towards us; ¹⁹For, the eager outlook of creation, ardently awaiteth the revealing of the sons of God, ²⁰For, unto vanity, hath creation been made subject not by choice, but by reason of him that made it subject, in hope. ²¹That, creation itself also, shall be freed from the bondage of the decay into the freedom of the glory of the sons of God; ²²For we know that, all creation, is sighing together, and travailing-in-birth-throes together until the present, ²³And, not only so, but, we ourselves, also, who have the first fruit of the Spirit, we even ourselves, within our own selves do sigh, sonship ardently awaiting the redeeming of our body.



There is something bigger and greater those on the "Call" list are striving towards. The rest of creation wants to be freed from the shackles of suffering. God is working out a big plan that includes everyone. We develop now and the rest of the world waits for us to finish!

Romans 8:28-30: (NASB) ²⁸And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose. ²⁹For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son, so that He would be the firstborn among many brethren; ³⁰ and these whom He predestined, He also called; and these whom He called, He also justified; and these whom He justified, He also glorified.



This describes a process of development for those called and following after Jesus.

For those called, their whole future depends upon their present:

Romans 12:1-2: (NASB) ¹Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship. ²And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

(1)) I hate who I see, God's Chisel Remastered, The Skit Guys

1 Corinthians 1:26-29: (NASB) ²⁶For consider your calling, brethren, that there were not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble; ²⁷but God has chosen the foolish things of the world to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to shame the things which are strong, ²⁸and the base things of the world and the despised God has chosen, the things that are not, so that He may nullify the things that are, ²⁹so that no man may boast before God.

This shows humble growth in the wisdom and footsteps of Christ.

God loves, appreciates and blesses all goodness, especially those who are trying to live godly in this world.

So, how can the world be waiting for something they know nothing about?

The world NEEDS saving! Jesus himself tells us of a future for the "unrighteous," those who have not been called out.

Jesus saves the world in two stages; the true Christians first and the rest of the world second:

<u>John 5:28-29</u>: (NASB) ²⁸Do not marvel at this; for an hour is coming, in which all who are in the tombs will hear his voice, ²⁹and will come forth; those who did the good deeds to a resurrection of life, those who committed the evil deeds to a resurrection of judgment.

The world continually attempts to right its own ship and the only ultimate result is that sin and death further their grip on everyone.

Acts 24:14-15: (NASB) ¹⁴But this I admit to you, that according to the Way which they call a sect I do serve the God of our fathers, believing everything that is in accordance with the Law and that is written in the Prophets; ¹⁵having a hope in God, which these men cherish themselves, that there shall certainly be a resurrection of both the righteous and the wicked.

Jesus paid the price *without* the world's acceptance of him. The promise states ALL will be resurrected. How then is the Gospel applied?

Romans 2:5-9: (KJV) ⁵But after thy hardness and impenitent heart treasurest up unto thyself wrath against the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God; ⁶Who will render to every man according to his deeds...

This tells us there are degrees of righteousness of those who are not called out. Their deeds will be reflected in the resurrection time - the Day of Judgment. Those who do evil and harm will be exposed, too. Everyone will be accountable for what they do in this life.

...⁷To them who by patient continuance in well doing seek for glory and honour and immortality, eternal life:



There is something good set up for those who are sacrificing now.

Too many other voices, God's Chisel Remastered, The Skit Guys

Romans 2:8-9: (KJV) ⁸But unto them that are contentious, and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, indignation and wrath, ⁹Tribulation and anguish, upon every soul of man that doeth evil, of the Jew first, and also of the Gentile.

<u>2 Peter 2:9</u>: The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment <2920> to be punished <2849>.

(See the Bonus Material for more on this, because the word here for *punish* actually means *to limit*.)

<u>Psalms 9:8</u>: (NASB) And He will judge the world in righteousness; He will execute judgment for the peoples with equity.

So, the Gospel is relevant as a primary tool to show man sin and to show him the way to forgiveness through Christ.

(1) love you, God, God's Chisel Remastered, The Skit Guys

...and the individual lives and struggles of the called-out ones are the necessary turmoil for each one to become so much more than they are, for the purpose of blessing ALL! That is the glory of the plan of God!

<u>1 Peter 2:9-12</u>: (NASB) ⁹But you are a chosen race, A royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; ¹⁰for you once were not a people, but now you are the people of God; you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. ¹¹Beloved, I urge you as aliens and strangers to abstain from fleshly lusts which wage war against the soul. ¹²Keep your behavior excellent among the Gentiles, so that in the thing in which they slander you as evildoers, they may because of your good deeds, as they observe them, glorify God in the day of visitation.

It gives us a sense that there is something special about those on the Call list. They are lifted up not to play a harp on some cloud but for a very specific purpose.

So, does God have a "Resurrect Only" list along with His "Do Not Call" and "Call" lists?

Yes! Everyone on the "Do Not Call list" is on that list, but Jesus' followers are resurrected and blessed FIRST!

1 Timothy 4:10: (KJV) For therefore we both labour and suffer reproach, because we trust in the living God, who is the Saviour of all men, specially of those that believe.

There will be trouble, God's Chisel Remastered, The Skit Guys

<u>Hebrews 2:9</u>: (NASB) But we do see him who was made for a little while lower than the angels, namely, Jesus, because of the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

How is this provable in scripture, that Jesus tasted death for everyone?

<u>Daniel 2:44</u>: (NRSV) And in the days of those kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom that shall never be destroyed, nor shall this kingdom be left to another people. It shall crush all these kingdoms and bring them to an end, and it shall stand forever.



This prophecy says there is something big that will happen. The kingdom of God will crush all other kingdoms, and the work of establishing this new kingdom is done through Jesus and his church - the called-out ones.

God's masterpiece, God's Chisel Remastered, The Skit Guys

<u>1 Peter 2:10</u>: (NASB) for you once were not a people, but now you are the people of God; you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

The called-out ones will help with the "all" - the "everybody else" who will unmistakably be on earth once they are resurrected. The Bible is filled with these promises!

Have we seen these things happen yet ...?

<u>Habakkuk 2:14</u>: (KJV) For the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea.

<u>Psalms 22:27</u>: (KJV) All the ends of the world shall remember and turn unto the LORD: and all the kindreds of the nations shall worship before thee.

<u>Psalms 86:9</u>: (KJV) All nations whom thou hast made shall come and worship before thee, O Lord; and shall glorify thy name.

<u>Isaiah 11:9</u>: (KJV) They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea.

<u>Zechariah 14:9</u>: (KJV) And the LORD shall be king over all the earth: in that day shall there be one LORD, and His name one.

Revelation 11:15: (KJV) And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, the kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of His Christ; and He shall reign for ever and ever.

<u>Isaiah 65:21-25</u>: (NRSV) ²¹They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. ²²They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of My people be, and My chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. ²³They shall not labor in vain, or bear children for calamity; for they shall be offspring blessed by the LORD and their descendants as well. ²⁴Before they call I will answer; while they are yet speaking I will hear. ²⁵The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox; but the serpent, its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all My holy mountain, says the LORD.

There is an opportunity to restore what was lost - a perfect earth. Everyone cannot answer the Gospel call now, as it is to call out the few who are willing to make their lives like Christ's in a difficult environment. If faithful, they can be trusted with eternal and internal life so they can govern, with Christ and God, over all the nations of the earth who were paid for by the ransom of Jesus Christ.

Everyone gets the benefit of the ransom. Those who were called out get the benefit sooner, but everyone else gets the benefit later. The fact that everyone does not get called out now is not a problem but a blessing.

So, can everyone answer the Gospel call? For Jonathan and Rick and Christian Questions...
Think about it...!



And now <u>even more</u> to think about... only in the Full Edition of CQ Rewind!

<u>2 Peter 2:9</u>: (KJV) The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment <2920> to be punished <2849>.

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Punish: Strongs #2849 kolazw kolazo kol-ad'-zo from kolos (dwarf);
1) to lop or prune, as trees and wings 2) to curb, check, restrain 3) to chastise, correct, punishment 4) to cause to be punished

Only other use:

Acts 4:21: (KJV) So, when they had further threatened them, they let them go, finding nothing how they might punish <2849> them, because of the people: for all men glorified God for that which was done.

Here are more Scriptures indicating a coming Godly kingdom on this earth.

See how clear it is that they are talking about earth and not heaven:

<u>Daniel 7:13-14</u>: (NRSV) ¹³As I watched in the night visions, I saw one like a human being coming with the clouds of heaven. And he came to the Ancient One and was presented before Him. ¹⁴To him was given dominion and glory and kingship, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed.

<u>Zephaniah 3:9</u>: (KJV) For then will I turn to the people a pure language, that they may all call upon the name of the LORD, to serve Him with one consent.

Micah 4:1-5: (KJV) ¹But in the last days it shall come to pass, that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established in the top of the mountains, and it shall be exalted above the hills; and people shall flow unto it. ²And many nations shall come, and say, Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, and to the house of the God of Jacob; and He will teach us of His ways, and we will walk in His paths: for the law shall go forth of Zion, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. ³And He shall judge among many people, and rebuke strong nations afar off; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks: nation shall not lift up a sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. ⁴But they shall sit every man under his vine and under his fig tree; and none shall make them afraid: for the mouth of the LORD of hosts hath spoken it. ⁵For all people will walk every one in the name of his god, and we will walk in the name of the LORD our God forever and ever.

Jeremiah 31:29-34: (NRSV) ²⁹In those days they shall no longer say: The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge. ³⁰But all shall die for their own sins; the teeth of everyone who eats sour grapes shall be set on edge. ³¹The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put My law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, Know the LORD, for they shall all know Me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.



Isaiah 35:5-10: (KJV) ⁵Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped. ⁶Then shall the lame man leap as an hart, and the tongue of the dumb sing: for in the wilderness shall waters break out, and streams in the desert. ⁷And the parched ground shall become a pool, and the thirsty land springs of water: in the habitation of dragons, where each lay, shall be grass with reeds and rushes. ⁸And an highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called The way of holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it; but it shall be for those: the wayfaring men, though fools, shall not err therein. ⁹No lion shall be there, nor any ravenous beast shall go up thereon, it shall not be found there; but the redeemed shall walk there: ¹⁰And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads: they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

So, we are to witness the "Good News" to all as is possible. We are not responsible to "save" our listeners, as they will have a resurrection either way (and they will have a complete accountability to go with it), but we are responsible to teach and preach the word of God.

Romans 10:12-16: (NRSV) ¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³For, everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved. ¹⁴But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? ¹⁵And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, how beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news! ¹⁶But not all have obeyed the good news, for Isaiah says, Lord, who has believed our message?