

GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN

*"Sing to the Lord and new song; sing to the LORD,
all the earth. Sing to the LORD, praise his name; proclaim
his salvation day after day.*

*Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvelous deeds among all peoples."*

Psalms 96:1-3

REFLECTION

Christmas has come and gone. We'll have to wait another year before we celebrate Christmas. Hopefully in December 2022, we will be allowed to sing aloud the carols we love. The message of Christmas is known to every Christian. It is well-captured in John 3:16 when the Scripture announced the Good News:

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him should not perish but will have eternal life."

This message of God's love is one which we have heard again and again. Most of us do feel good and full of gratitude knowing that when we have accepted Jesus as our Lord and Saviour, we are given the privilege of receiving the gift of salvation.

But the thing is, the Good News is not merely meant for us to hear and feel good. It is meant for us to share with others. In the Christian faith, whatever good things we have received from God and whatever glorious message we have heard from others about God, we should be happy and willing to pass it on, especially so for the benefit of those who have not experienced the liberating power of God's love.

One of the favourite songs associated with the season of Epiphany, which follows Christmastide, is a Negro Spiritual which many of us may be familiar with. It declares:

"Go tell it on the mountain over the hills and everywhere. Go tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born."

Psalms 96:1-3 calls on us to declare God's greatness and glory. Of course, the greatest and most glorious deed which God has shown us is the story of Jesus Christ. This is the mighty deed of God which we should endeavour to declare and share with the world. It is the story of Christmas; the best news that we can and should declare.

PRAYER

Our Lord and our God, we give you thanks for the gift of eternal life which you have given to us through Jesus Christ. For the New Year, grant us joy and courage to tell the world about Jesus and share the Good News of salvation with our friends and family members. Prepare them to receive Jesus into their hearts. In His name we pray, Amen.

SUPPLICATION

- Thanks be to God for the missionaries, evangelists, pastors and preachers who have preached the Gospel and are preaching the Gospel in different platforms. Thanks be to God too, for ordinary Christians who have gone about in the daily life sharing their faith with their friends, school mates and neighbours. Pray that Christians will not shy away from telling people that God loves them.
- Praise be to God for evangelistic programmes which have helped Christians to share the Gospel of Christ with those who have not yet received Jesus as their Lord and Saviour. Pray especially for the Alpha course which many churches are using to introduce friends to the Gospel. Ask God for fruitful response to our personal and church-based evangelistic efforts.
- For the year 2022, pray that each one of us will trust God to bring at least one person to Christ so that they too will have a life-transforming relationship experience with Him.
- Pray that each one of us will seek to be faithful in our own relationship with God, and that our relationship will bear fruit in the way we live life that will show clear evidence of our live for God and our neighbours.

*"Tell out, my soul,
the greatness of His name!
Make known His might,
the deeds His arm has done.
His mercy sure, from age to age the same;
His holy Name, the Lord the Mighty One."
Timothy Dudley-Smith*

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