



The Young Highway

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"Let No Man Despise Thy Youth, But Be Thou An Example..."

WITNESSING APOSTLES

"This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we are witnesses (Acts 2:32). The fact of the crucifixion and the apostles' witnessing to it, account for the progress of the early church. This wonderful testimony is recorded in Acts 2:14-36. It is a testimony which followed Pentecost. It is a method of spreading the Gospel which has stood the test of the ages.

When Peter stood to speak he did so to preach Jesus and the resurrection. Spirit-filled men have no other theme. Thus, in the verses referred to we discover the nature of the apostles' witnessing.

1. They witnessed to the transformation of the brethren. (v. 15). Peter declared that these men were not drunken but filled with the Spirit which changed their lives. They had contacted heaven. When men get hold of God and God gets hold of men someone is always ready to tell the story.

2. They witnessed to the fulfilling of prophecy (16-21). Read this wonderful account of Joel's forecast. From the time of Joel's prophecy and the fulfillment of this prophecy there were 24 generations. But, God did not fail. The Spirit was given. He is for us all today. When the hymn writer wrote the following words he was witnessing to the fulfillment of prophecy . . . "Have you ever felt the power of the pentecostal fire burning up old carnal nature, cleansing out all base desire; going through and through your spirit cleansing all its stain away? O, I'm so glad to tell you, It is for us all today."

3. They witnessed to God's approval of Jesus (v. 22) ". . . Jesus of Nazareth, approved of God . . ." By further reading we note that His approval was on the basis of the miracles, wonders and signs which God was able to work through Jesus. From this we gather that it becomes a responsibility of believers to not only find evidences of God's miracles, but to declare them unto men. He (Jesus) is the Son of the Living God.

4. They witnessed to the guilt of rejecting Jesus. (v. 23) . . . Ye have taken (Jesus) and by wicked hands have crucified and slain Him. Without further comment it is evident that one of the first acts of the Spirit after Pentecost was to convince ungodly men of murder, sin and guilt.

5. They witnessed to the resurrection of Jesus. (v. 24). This verse gives the fact of the resurrection. Verse 23 states: "Whom ye have slain." Verse 24—"Whom God raised up." One cannot read of the activities of the apostles without feeling that they had shared in the resurrection experience of Jesus. It is also evident that they had learned of a personal resurrection experience. They had been changed from death unto life by a resurrected Christ. Should they not tell about it? — Should we not tell about a similar experience?

6. They witnessed to the fact of Christ's exaltation. (33-36). From this fact we share an experience upon which the words of a hymn are based. "Where is He now?" "He lives above . . . interceding."

From the nature and basis of the witnessing of the early apostles, we conclude that when Christ's death, resurrection and exaltation are firmly believed and preached by personal witnessing, as well as by other means, signs and wonders will be done in the name of Jesus.

The King's Highway

MEET YOUR MISSIONARIES

Harold & Shirley Kierstead

1. When first felt called to the mission field
His—1948 when he was sanctified
Hers—when she was saved; settled December 1950
2. Parents names
His—Rev. and Mrs. E. A. M. Kierstead, superintendent of the R. B. mission work
Hers—Mr. and Mrs. Edward Raley (Her father died in 2nd World War—1940)
3. Hometown and Home Churches
His—Plaster Rock Altona Church, Transvaal, S.A.
Hers—Johannesburg Troyville Baptist Church, Johannesburg, S.A.
4. Education other than High School
His—Johannesburg Technical College
Hers—Secretarial Course
5. When married—March 24, 1951 Troyville Baptist Church, Johannesburg, S.A.
6. When ordained—July 1954
7. First Church—Altona Mission Station
8. Outposts opened through their ministry—The Rhodesian work
9. Children—Jennifer—May 3, 1952; Beverely—July 22, 1955; Alison—September 21, 1960
10. Points of interest—Shirley is a converted Roman Catholic
11. What they do
Shirley directs the Sunday School work and holds women's meetings when the women are not working in the fields
Harold is Superintendent of the Rhodesian work. He holds services at various outposts and directs the work of the native preachers. He is treasurer of Mission Funds. He supervises the schools and does all the ordering of school supplies. He often directs various building projects done at the mission stations.

UNDERSTANDING

Nixon Waterman

If I knew you and you knew me—
If both of us could clearly see,
And with an inner sight divine
The meaning of your heart and mine,
I'm sure that we would differ less
And clasp our hands in friendliness:
Our thoughts would pleasantly agree
If I knew you and you knew me.
If I knew you and you knew me,
As each one knows his own self, we
Could look each other in the face
And see therein a truer grace.
Life has so many hidden woes,
So many thorns for every rose;
The "why" of things our hearts would see
If I knew you and you knew me.

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