

Rick Warren: Who Will Be in Heaven Because of You?

The Bible says in Acts 20:24 (NCV), "The most important thing is that I complete my mission, the work that the Lord Jesus gave me—to tell people the Good News about God's grace."

Notice it doesn't say the most important thing in life is to get married, fund your retirement, travel a lot, become famous or pay off the house. It says the most important thing in life is to fulfill your mission. If Jesus died on the cross for you so that you can fulfill your mission and you don't do it, that's a massive, eternal waste.

God put you on earth for a purpose. He has a mission that only you can fulfill. Part of that mission is to tell other people the Good News of God's grace. You know Christ because somebody told you about him. Who will you tell?

If somebody died for you, wouldn't you want to know about it? Jesus died for every single person in the world. This weekend, the typical American will sit at home watching TV, with a soda or beer, maybe reading the newspaper, kicked back and relaxed—and totally unaware that Jesus Christ died for them and unaware of the grace that is available to them.

The Bible tells us in 2 Peter 3:9 that the Lord is not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance. God wants everybody in his family, and because God cares, we must care.

The way we show our gratitude for the grace of God is by making our own lives count, by living a life of extravagant generosity, and by telling as many people as we can about the Good News.

Talk It Over

- When did you first hear the Good News of God's grace? What changes did you begin to see once you accepted that message?
- What keeps you from sharing the Good News with people around you?
- Take some time to write out your testimony so that you are better prepared to share it when God provides the opportunity.

Give hope, prayer and encouragement below. Post a comment and talk about it. {eo}

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