



Rockwood Church of Christ

The Proclaimer

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Unemployed Christians?

We continue to see unprecedented job opportunities in our nation and locally. It almost seems employers are literally begging people to work. We can find work if we are seeking. This is especially true in the work of the church.

Someone once told me, "*there should never be any unemployed Christians.*" Much work is to be done in bringing others to Christ. We know secular work sustains our family and allows the work of the church to grow. However, we are still expected to work for the Lord by sowing and reaping. The only way to have a harvest is to plant the seed. Telling others about Jesus is the only way seeds can be planted. The world needs to hear the Gospel, so the harvest can take place. The challenge in the church is lacking those who will work. What Jesus says in **Matthew 10:37** still rings true today, "*Then He said to His disciples, The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few.*" Jesus is saying, **HELP WANTED.**

I grew up with many good athletes. One of the traits that allowed my peers to stand out athletically was their ability to be multi-dimensional. Good basketball players do more than shoot, good football players do more than run, and good golfers can play different courses! We, as Christians may say, "*I can only lead singing so that's my job in the kingdom.*" Others may say, "*I'm a good cook, so I will focus on preparing meals for others.*" While these and other skills contribute to sowing and reaping, choosing to remain one-dimensional limits our effectiveness for the Lord.

We all have been given so many talents. **Matthew 25:14-30** explains we must use our talents and multiply our abilities. Christians have been equipped by our Creator. We sometimes say 20 percent of the people do 80 percent of the work. In actuality, if 20 percent of the people are working, only 20 percent of the work is being done. We have settled for far less than what could be done in the name of Jesus. Will you respond to the plea for **HELP WANTED?**

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Nothing But the Blood of Jesus

Robert Lowry composed both the words and music of the beautiful hymn, “*Nothing But The Blood Of Jesus*.” In the hymn we are asked, “*What can wash away my sins?*” and “*What can make me whole again?*” Each time we respond, “*Nothing but the blood of Jesus*.” In Lowry’s hymn we sing of how His blood is the source of our cleansing. The chorus rings out, “*O precious is the flow that makes me white as snow; no other fount I know, nothing but the blood of Jesus*.”

His blood redeems us! Paul wrote, “*In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace*” (**Ephesians 1:7**). Peter wrote, “*Knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver and gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot*” (**1 Peter 1:18-19**). John wrote of the heavenly new song which declares of Christ: “*You are worthy to take the scroll, and to open its seals; for You were slain, and have redeemed us to God by Your blood out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation*” (**Revelation 5:9**).

L. E. Jones’ hymn reminds us, “*There is Power in the Blood*.” How true! We are justified by His blood (**Romans 5:9**), made nigh by His blood (**Ephesians 2:13**), purged by His blood (**Hebrews 9:14**), sanctified by His blood (**Hebrews 13:12**), and cleansed by His blood (**1 John 1:7**). Revelation speaks of how we can wash our robes (**7:17**) and overcome Satan (**12:11**) by the blood of the Lamb.

Why should we become members of the church of Christ? Because it was “*purchased with His own blood*” (**Acts 20:28**). Why should we be faithful? Because His blood continues to cleanse us (**1 John 1:7**). What do Christians have to rejoice about? We can rejoice in the fact that He “*loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood, and has made us kings and priest to His God and Father*” (**Revelation 1:5-6a**).

What can wash away my sins? Nothing but the blood of Jesus! There is power in the blood! “*...to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen*” (**Revelation 1:6b**).

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