

## RELATING TO OUTSIDERS IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

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- \* Fish for people (Matt 4:19; Mark 1:17; Luke 5:10)
- \* Be salt and light to the world (Matt 5:13-16)
- \* Acknowledge Jesus before others and the HS will give us the words (Matt 10:26-33; Luke 12:8-12)
- \* Gospel will be proclaimed throughout the world (Matt 24:14; Mark 13:10; 16:15; Luke 24:47)
- \* Going, making disciples (Matt 28:19-20)
- \* Jesus sends disciples to proclaim the kingdom among Jews (Mark 3:14-15; 6:7-13; Luke 9:1-6; 10:1-12)
- \* Disciples are Jesus's witness (Luke 24:48)
- \* You don't belong to the world and it will hate you (John 15:18-20)
- \* We must testify about Jesus (John 15:27)
- \* The world will believe in Jesus because of our unity (John 17:20-23)
- \* Jesus sends his followers into the world (John 17:18)
- \* Jesus sends disciples to be witnesses to the ends of the earth (Acts 1:8)
- \* Prayer for power to speak the word with boldness (Acts 4:29)
- \* Apostles give testimony to the resurrection (all over Acts)
- \* Disciples did not cease to proclaim Jesus as Messiah (Acts 5:42)
- \* Scattered believers go about proclaiming the messiah and kingdom (Acts 8:4, 5, 12)
- \* Paul summarizes his calling as proclaiming the good news of God's grace/kingdom (Acts 20:24-25)
- \* Proclaim the gospel (Rom 1:13-15)
- \* God's purpose for Pharaoh was that his name may be proclaimed in all the earth (Rom 9:13-29)
- \* People will not be saved unless someone proclaims to them the good news (Rom 10:13-15)
- \* Live at peace with all people to the extent possible (Rom 12:18)
- \* Paul's ambition to proclaim the good news where Christ has not been named (Rom 15:19-20)
- \* We are not responsible for judging those outside the body (1 Cor 5:11-12)
- \* Though we are free with respect to all we become what is needed to win all (1 Cor 9:19, 22)
- \* Paul tries to please everyone with everything he does (1 Cor 10:33)
- \* Paul visited places to proclaim the good news (2 Cor 2:12; 8:18; 10:14, 16; 11:7)
- \* God has reconciled the world to himself but makes his appeal through us (2 Cor 5:15-21)
- \* Don't be mismatched with unbelievers, come out and be separate from them (2 Cor 6:14-18)
- \* Work for the good of all, but especially the family of faith (Gal 6:10)
- \* Paul strives to help everyone see the plan of God's mystery (Eph 3:9)
- \* Don't associate with the disobedient, but live wisely with relation to them (Eph 5:6-16)
- \* Put on whatever will make us ready to proclaim the gospel of peace (Eph 6:15)
- \* What matters most is that Christ is proclaimed (Phil 1:15-18)
- \* Conduct ourselves wisely toward outsiders, making the most of the time, with gracious speech, so we will know how to answer everyone (Col 4:5-6)
- \* We should increase in our love for one another and for all (in its context, "all" probably means not just local believers but also believers of other churches – 1 Thess 3:12; cf. 4:9-12, which contrasts love for believers near and far with behaving quietly, wisely, and independently toward outsiders)
- \* Live quiet lives, mind own business, walk properly among outsiders, not dependent (1 Thess 4:11-12)

- \* Don't repay evil but seek good of one another and for all (1 Thess 5:15)
- \* Pray that the Lord's message may spread rapidly and be honored (2 Thess 3:1)
- \* Pray for various authority figures so we may lead a tranquil and quiet life, since God wants everyone to be saved and come to the knowledge of truth (1 Tim 2:1-4)
- \* God is savior of all people, especially those who believe (1 Tim 4:10)
- \* Because of Christ's appearing and kingdom, proclaim the message whether it is convenient or not (2 Tim 4:1-2)
- \* Paul's proclamation to the Gentiles (2 Tim 4:17)
- \* Submit to authorities, be ready for good work, speak evil of no one, avoid quarreling, be gentle and courteous to all people (Titus 3:1-2)
- \* Pursue peace with everyone (Heb 12:14)
- \* Friendship with the world is enmity with God, which is about hobnobbing with the wealthy (Jas 4:4)
- \* Purpose of God's set apart people is to proclaim the mighty acts of him who called us out of darkness and into his marvelous light (1 Pet 2:9)
- \* Conduct yourselves honorably among Gentiles that they may see your honorable deeds and glorify God when he comes to judge (1 Pet 2:11-12)
- \* Silence the foolish by doing right (1 Pet 2:15)
- \* Win people over with pure and reverent lives (1 Pet 3:2)
- \* Conquer the world and don't love worldly things (1 John 2:13-16)
- \* The heroes of this book are witnesses who hold fast to their testimony to Jesus and the word of God (Rev 1:2, 5; 2:13; 6:9; 11:3, 7; 12:11, 17; 19:10; 20:4)

### **Summary**

- \* Verbal Proclamation - 46
- \* Living Right - 15
- \* Convert - 6
- \* Remain Separate - 6
- \* Do Good - 3
- \*\* These are not exact numbers; some passages fall under more than one category.

### **Passages that Specifically Inform Our Posture Toward Governing Authorities**

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