

Our Day Is Now

by Tim Conway

We must live out our faith today, not just read about it, and make disciples who are willing to follow Christ at all costs.

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Description

This sermon emphasizes the urgency and responsibility of the present day for believers to actively make disciples and spread the gospel, highlighting the need for genuine commitment and obedience to Christ. It calls for a revival of faith and boldness in sharing the Word, rejecting complacency and seeking to glorify God through powerful signs and wonders. The speaker urges the congregation to embrace their role in evangelizing the world and nurturing young believers to grow in their faith.

Transcript

Brethren, our commission is to make disciples just the same, followers of Christ, it's the same. And he said, lo, behold, I will be with you to the end of the age. Brethren, this duty is for us.

I stood there and I looked out over that city of Smyrna, and brethren, I realized faithful men, faithful women walk these streets, they proclaim the gospel in a hostile world. But brethren, they're gone. They were faithful.

Christ commended them, but they're gone. This is our day. Brethren, we can't live in the past.

Those biographies out there on the table, they're glorious, but we can't live on that. Heaven, don't you feel that? I have felt that in those early days I was reading Dallimore's book on Whitefield and reading the book of Acts, and I was just crying out on the inside, Lord, where is that for today? I don't want to just read about it. I want to live it.

I want to see it. Brethren, we can't live on the ashes and the dust. Those people there, they're gone.

There's ash, there's bone, there's something that's buried there, but it's done. Our day is now, and our day is short. We're not going to be around long.

And our task today, likewise, is to offer these up. Folks, I plead with you to pray. We can't have this situation over in Turkey where we at best have these half-saved people that when the crunch time comes, they're falling out of rank.

We've got to have people that are saved that when it comes to denying family and loving Christ more than father and mother and brother and sister and husband and wife, it's a reality where they're willing to lay everything down and follow Christ at all costs. And that is a glorious and an acceptable offering to God. We can't be content in our churches to have these half-baked, half-saved people that come along and there's no real commitment.

But where we see it, brethren, people's hearts are being turned to Christ. We need to rejoice. Where you've got people who are dead in their sin, and you take the gospel and you preach it to them.

And then these people who used to be slaves of this sin are now brought to the place where they're obedient from the heart to this Word. And we can offer that up, and it's for the glory of His name among all the nations. Brethren, this is what we've got to be thinking all the time.

Men are perishing. They're perishing around us, brethren. And this is our day.

The Spurgeons are gone. The Whitfields are gone. The Wesleys are gone.

The Ravenhills are gone. Now is our day. Who's going to evangelize the world? The newspapers aren't doing it.

The magazines don't do it. It's our day. Brethren, for the sake of His name among the nations, we need to seek to make an offering of obedient Gentiles in the power of the Spirit.

Yes, by word. Yes, by deed. Yes, by the powerful signs and wonders.

Let us pray like that church of old. How do they pray, brethren? God, give us boldness to preach the Word as you go forth working in the mighty name of Christ, doing signs and wonders. Let it be so, brethren.

Last thing we need today is a powerless church. It's like Tozer said, when the church is explained, when there's no longer anything powerful and mystical and dangerous about the church, that's when you know she... Brethren, she's circled the wagons. She's counting her victories.

She's circled in there. She's now in safety mode. Brethren, let it not be.

Our time is short. Our God is real. His Word is true.

And Christ is glorified. Brethren, these young people being saved, and we can take them, isn't it exciting? You see people, they've been in the church. Our church isn't all that old, but some families, three, four, five, six years, individuals, and you see them, they're just growing, more and more committed.

They're growing in Christ. Brethren, we can offer that, and He is pleased. So brethren, let's press on.

Amen.

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