

# NEW DAY... NEW WAY

## What in the World is God Doing? And What in the World are We Doing?

TEXT: Heb. 10

INTRODUCTION: By and large I want to pick up where I left off Sunday morning. But in order to do that I need to remind us all of the context.

We are looking at “What in the world is God doing?” from Hebrew 10, which is summarized in

**Hebrews 10:14** For by one offering He has perfected forever those who are being sanctified.

Because we recognize the wisdom of the instruction, “**Discover what God is doing and to join Him in His work.**” We are also looking at What in the World are We Doing? As a church.

So, Sunday I led us to ask these two questions:

**What God is doing?**

**How we are joining Him in His work?**

### WHAT GOD IS DOING

#### I. GOD MADE ONE OFFERING.

A. That sacrifice was made at the cross.

**Heb. 10:10** By that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once *for all*.

B. We noted that our reading through the Bible this year confirmed that **The cross is the pivotal point of all history.**

C. **The cross is the pivotal point for the future.**

D. **The cross is the pivotal point for each of us and every man and woman.**

How are we joining God in this work?

- By being clear concerning the gospel.
  - Jesus Christ died on the cross for our sins.

- He rose from the dead.
- God gives forgiveness and eternal life as a free gift to those who trust in Jesus as Savior and Lord.
- By being faithful to always declare the gospel.

Wherever we go, whatever else we do to minister, we always share the gospel.

Rom 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek.

And then we saw a second part to

## WHAT GOD IS DOING

### II. GOD PERFECTS FOREVER.

- A. God is bringing people into this perfected lasting salvation through faith in Christ Who made the one offering.
- B. This is why God makes each of us witnesses.
- C. This is why God puts every saved person on mission.

How are we joining God in this work?

We have become an Acts 1:8 church.

Acts 1:8 But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.

That is not to say that we have arrived, but that we are most definitely on the journey.

We have identified our

Jerusalem

Judea

Samaria

End of the Earth

<i>Jerusalem</i> -
Through the Center of Hope, we give food, clothing, and the gospel to people 5 days a week.
Sheltering Tree; We have a ministry to young mothers that helps them and their babies.
Medical Center that offers free medical care and medicine to the poor.
We have night classes to help those with addictions.

Passion Play is a part of our sharing the gospel with thousands in Bay County
We support the Rescue Mission for the homeless
We help with the Baptist Center that ministers the gospel in Milville. (Our preteens lead VBS)
<i>Judea</i>
Disaster Relief because this area gets a lot of devastating storms
Food Distribution Days
Prison Ministry
Vacation Bible Schools
<i>Samaria</i>
Baltimore, MD
Portland, OR
<i>End of the Earth</i>
West Africa: Ghana, Togo, Benin
Mexico
Brazil Church Planting & Pastor Training
India
Nigeria
Soon to expand to Peru where the Whitakers are moving this month.

**These things and more are happening now.**

**Why?**

**Because we are continually joining God in His work of offering His perfected salvation**

**by being witnesses of the Lord Jesus Christ**

**through the sharing of the gospel**

**in our Jerusalem,**

**Judea,**

**Samaria, and**

**to the end of the earth.**

**As a part of that, in most of these places,**

**we are also helping to start churches,**

**so that the gospel can keep going out in these places**

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## **Until Jesus returns!**

Now there is a third part to what God is doing.

**Hebrews 10:14** For by one offering He has perfected forever those who are being sanctified.

### **III. GOD IS SANCTIFYING THE SAVED.**

- A. Our end is finished, perfected; but God still wants to do some changing in us here and now.**
- B. Sanctification means making us like Christ.**
- C. The action here is continuous and present.**
- D. How is God making believers to be like Christ**

**In character and attitude**

**Also like Him in actions**

**Jesus was on mission**

**Jesus went about proclaiming the message, "Repent and believe the gospel."**

A part of God's sanctifying of the saved is turning believers into Acts 1:8 Christians, pastors into Acts 1:8 pastors, and churches into Acts 1:8 churches.

**How are we joining God in this work?**

#### **IN JERUSALEM**

**God is giving us churches to partner with us in Center of Hope ministries.**

#### **IN JUDEA**

**God has begun to open a door for our church to become a Global Focus host church for the training of other pastors.**

#### **IN SAMARIA**

**The churches with which we are partnering are churches desiring to not only evangelize their area but to replicate and start new churches themselves.**

#### **AT THE ENDS OF THE EARTH**

**Mexico – Huichol Indians – Discipling believers to plant churches**

**Brazil – Pastor Training**

- **Bahia Partnership**

**India – Pastor Training Institute in Kerala**

- **Partnering with graduate pastors in projects**

**Ghana – To date, two Acts 1:8 Conferences**

- **Partnerships with Ghana/Brazil**
- **Involvement of Ghanians in church planting in Togo, Benin, Niger**
- **Planting of churches in Burkina Faso**
- **Interest in Acts 1:8 Strategy developing throughout West Africa**

**CONCLUSION:** - These are perhaps the most exciting days in the history of the world to be a part of what God is doing.

Time is short. There must be an urgency about our work.

But if we will be faithful, there will be great reward.