

Tell What You Know

Ponder: What do you know about Jesus?

Scripture: "Therefore those who were scattered went everywhere preaching the word" (Acts 8:4, NKJV).

Who is "666" in Revelation? Who is "Antichrist"? What about predestination? These are worthy questions, and we hear them frequently. While I'm not suggesting we just set them aside, I am affirming that answering them can wait until more pressing matters are resolved.

Paul wrote, "For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures" (1 Cor. 15:3, ESV). Long before the Corinthians needed to be taught about predestination, Antichrist, and other complicated issues, they needed to hear who Jesus is, what He had done for them, and how they could be saved through Him. First things first! Don't try to shingle the roof before you frame the house!

"I just don't know enough to teach the gospel to a lost soul." Have you said that, or at least thought it? Perhaps someone outside of Christ has asked you some of these hard questions and you couldn't answer. But did that lost soul really need to know right then who 666 is? Would thoroughly understanding predestination move them even one inch closer to salvation? Not likely! Such deep concepts make little sense to one who doesn't even understand who Jesus is or how to be cleansed from sin by His blood.

If you know what you did to be saved and why, then you know enough to share that with others. You don't have to know the answers to all the thorny issues that curious people present to you. I learned decades ago to say, "I don't know," and not be ashamed. Even if you know the answer, it's often best to delay it until after the person hears and obeys the gospel.

Tell what you know. Souls can be saved without knowing who 666 is; but they cannot be saved without knowing Jesus!

Hymn: "I Love To Tell The Story"

Prayer: Loving Father, we praise you for loving us enough to send Jesus to save us. Help us, we pray, to share that wonderful news far and wide. In His name, Amen.