

# Why The Need To Engage?

## OUT OF THE WORD

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The whole tenor of the Bible is a message, a revelation from God concerning His intense desire to rescue lost men and women to salvation and blessing! Given this overtone of the Bible with its scarlet thread of salvation which is woven through the fabric of all 66 books, the saving acts of God presupposes a condition in man which requires such action, effort and sacrifice on God's part. That condition which God addresses and offers an eternal solution for is lostness! There would be no need for a Savior aside from man's condition of lostness! There would be no place for a Plan of salvation except for man's condition of lostness. "Studying what the Bible says about sin touches a subject reaching historically backward past earth-time into the occasion of the rebellion of Lucifer, and topically forward into the timelessness of eternity in heaven and hell... We cannot say what interval of time elapsed between the peaceful state of the Garden of Eden and the seduction of its residents by the devil-serpent. The time factor is, after all ultimately irrelevant. But by this ploy, Satan intruded, deceived and ensnared the innocent ones, and sin gained an entrance into human life and affairs." (*What the Bible Says About Sin*. Dr. Brant Lee Doty. College Press, Joplin. 1992. Pp.9-10). Satan's assault on the crown of God's creation-mankind, was his sole ambition. Since his rebellion he has set out to oppose and frustrate the work of God in every manner, but especially as it pertains to the children of God. Satan is no different today he still attacks precious children. Satan does it through the public education system, social media, child trafficking, pornography, and most of all abortion. But in regards to the children of God, those who are 'in Christ', Satan's M.O. (mode of operation) is to subvert God's work, distort God's word, promote man/s apostasy, devour God's people, procrastinate commitments to God, divide, discourage and render impotent the church, and most of all minimize evangelism's potential. Satan would love nothing more for our little nice churches' here in Pinckneyville to be comfortable and soft and fluffy and cuddly and never challenge anyone to the cost of discipleship, holiness, or personal evangelism. The reason Christian's engage is because outside of Jesus Christ mankind is lost (Eph. 2:1-13). We will never appreciate nor properly apply ourselves to the wise expenditure of time, effort, energy, life and resources to win souls until we truly realize what it means for man to be a lost soul and be at risk of losing their soul (Romans 1:22, 2 Cor. 4:4). Rather you are the **good moral man**: the honest, peace-loving citizen who never thinks they commit any flagrant crimes against God. Issue- Is anyone really that good? Isn't the great sin disbelief and coming short of the glory of God? (Rom. 3:23). Rather you are **alien sinner**: the unchurched that declines the opportunity to know and do God's will. Or the heathen who has not yet heard the gospel. Rather you are the **unconverted Church member**: Who might be obedient to form, but not from the heart or not with sincerity, just going through the motions. Who might have your name on a membership role but not in the Lamb's Book of Life. **The back slider (Matt. 10:22) the cult member**, the list could go on and on. **WHY Engage?** Because men and women outside Jesus Christ are presently lost and stand to be eternally lost unless evangelized and choose to accept the offer of the grace of God through the gospel of Jesus Christ (Mark 16:16, Acts 2:38)). Heaven and hell are both real and eternal and are the only two realms for man's eternal destiny.

