

## **How Will the Gospel Commission be Finished?**

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### **The Work Will be Finished as We Receive the Holy Spirit**

#### ***Abide in His Word***

“And it shall come to pass afterward that I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions. And also on My menservants and on My maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days....Before the coming of the great and awesome day of the Lord. And it shall come to pass that whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved” (Joel 2:28-29, 31-32).

“Behold I send the Promise of My Father upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high” (Luke 24:49).

“Wait for the Promise of the Father...you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit....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” (Acts 1:4-5, 8).

“But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps....the bridegroom came” (Matthew 25:4, 10).

“‘Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,’ says the Lord of hosts” (Zechariah 4:6).

#### ***Consider Prayerfully***

“During the loud cry, the church, aided by providential interpositions of her exalted Lord, will diffuse the knowledge of salvation so abundantly that light will be communicated to every city and town. The earth will be filled with the knowledge of salvation. So abundantly will the renewing Spirit of God have crowned with success the intensely active agencies, that the light of present truth will be seen flashing everywhere” (Evangelism, 694).

“Before the final visitation of God’s judgments upon the earth there will be among the people of the Lord such a revival of primitive godliness as has not been witnessed since apostolic times. The Spirit and power of God will be poured out upon His children. At that time many will separate themselves from those churches in which the love of this world has supplanted love for God and His word. Many, both of ministers and people, will gladly accept those great truths which God has caused to be proclaimed at this time to prepare a people for the Lord’s second coming. The enemy of souls desires to hinder this work; and before the time for such a movement shall come, he will endeavor to prevent it by introducing a counterfeit” (The Great Controversy, 464).

“There will be thousands converted to the truth in a day who at the eleventh hour see and acknowledge the truth and the movements of the Spirit of God” (Last Day Events, 211).

“Will not the church awake to her responsibility? God is waiting to impart the Spirit of the greatest missionary the world has ever known to those who will work with self-denying, self-sacrificing consecration. When God’s people receive this Spirit, power will go forth from them” (Selected Messages, Volume 1, 117).

“The angel who unites in the proclamation of the third angel’s message is to lighten the whole earth with his glory. A work of world-wide extent and unwonted power is here foretold. The advent movement of 1840-44 was a glorious manifestation of the power of God; the first angel’s message was carried to every missionary station in the world, and in some countries there was the greatest religious interest which has been witnessed in any land since the Reformation of the sixteenth century; but these are to be exceeded by the mighty movement under the last warning of the third angel.

The work will be similar to that of the Day of Pentecost. As the ‘former rain’ was given, in the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at the opening of the gospel, to cause the upspringing of the precious seed, so the ‘latter rain’ will be given at its close for the ripening of the harvest. ‘Then shall we know, if we follow on to know the Lord: His going forth is prepared as the morning; and He shall come unto us as the rain, as the latter and former rain unto the earth.’ Hosea 6:3. ‘Be glad then, ye children of Zion, and rejoice in the Lord your God: for He hath given you the former rain moderately, and He will cause to come down for you the rain, the former rain, and the latter rain.’ Joel 2:23. ‘In the last days, saith God, I will pour out of My Spirit upon all flesh.’ ‘And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’ Acts 2:17, 21.

The great work of the gospel is not to close with less manifestation of the power of God than marked its opening. The prophecies which were fulfilled in the outpouring of the former rain at the opening of the gospel are again to be fulfilled in the latter rain at its close. Here are ‘the times of refreshing’ to which the apostle Peter looked forward when he said: ‘Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord; and He shall send Jesus.’ Acts 3:19, 20.

Servants of God, with their faces lighted up and shining with holy consecration, will hasten from place to place to proclaim the message from heaven. By thousands of voices, all over the earth, the warning will be given. Miracles will be wrought, the sick will be healed, and signs and wonders will follow the believers. Satan also works, with lying wonders, even bringing down fire from heaven in the sight of men. Revelation 13:13. Thus the inhabitants of the earth will be brought to take their stand.

The message will be carried not so much by argument as by the deep conviction of the Spirit of God. The arguments have been presented. The seed has been sown, and now it will spring up and bear fruit. The publications distributed by missionary workers have exerted their influence, yet many whose minds were impressed have been prevented from fully comprehending the truth or from yielding obedience. Now the rays of light penetrate everywhere, the truth is seen in its clearness, and the honest children of God sever the bands which have held them. Family connections, church relations, are powerless to stay them now. Truth is more precious than all besides. Notwithstanding the agencies combined against the truth, a large number take their stand upon the Lord’s side” (The Great Controversy, 611-612).

“We must have the holy unction from God; we must have the baptism of the Holy Spirit; for this is the only efficient agent in the promulgation of sacred truth. Yet this is what we most lack. The divine power combined with human effort, connection first and last and ever with God, the source of our strength, is absolutely necessary in our work. We must hang our whole weight on the world’s Redeemer; he must be our dependence for strength. Without this, all our efforts will

be unavailing. Even now the time has come when we must recognize this fully, or we shall be outgeneraled by a powerful, cunning foe. We must connect more closely with God; and all our plans and arrangements must be in harmony with his plans, or they will not prove effectual.

The Holy Spirit is grieved and driven away by the self-sufficiency and rude traits of character which are cherished. These unhallowed elements must be burned out by the Spirit of God” (Review and Herald, December 15, 1885).

“Revival and reformation are to do their appointed work....Then a multitude not of their faith, seeing that God is with His people, will unite with them in serving the Redeemer” (Review and Herald, February 25, 1902).

### **Reflect**

- *What do you know about who the Holy Spirit is and what the Holy Spirit does?*
- *In what areas of your life do you feel you need more of the Holy Spirit?*
- *What do you think God wants you to do so you can learn more about the Holy Spirit and be daily infilled with increasing measure?*

### **Pray**

*Heavenly Father, Jesus promised that You are more eager to give us the Holy Spirit than any earthly father is excited to give his child a gift (Luke 11:9-13). Thank You so much for giving us absolutely everything we need to get ready for Jesus' coming and to finish the Great Commission. Help me keep asking and seeking for the Holy Spirit every moment. Baptize me, immerse me, drench me with Your fullness. Fill me up until I overflow with Your Spirit.*

**Because Jesus wants to come soon, let's learn about and plead for the Holy Spirit!**

Grow more in this area by exploring many resources at [revivalandreformation.org](http://revivalandreformation.org)

## **The Work Will be Finished as We are Deeply Converted**

### ***Abide in His Word***

“Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me....Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me by Your generous Spirit. Then I will teach transgressors Your ways, and sinners shall be converted to You” (Psalm 51:10, 12-13).

“I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do them....Then the nations which are left all around you shall know that I, the Lord, have rebuilt the ruined places and planted what was desolate....Then they shall know that I am the Lord” (Ezekiel 36:26-27, 38).

“If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water” (John 7:37-38).

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation....We are ambassadors for Christ” (2 Corinthians 5:17-20).

“For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age, looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself *His* own special people, zealous for good works” (Titus 2:11-14).

### ***Consider Prayerfully***

“Every true disciple is born into the kingdom of God as a missionary. He who drinks of the living water becomes a fountain of life. The receiver becomes a giver. The grace of Christ in the soul is like a spring in the desert, welling up to refresh all, and making those who are ready to perish eager to drink of the water of life” (Desire of Ages, 195).

“Brethren, we must have less of self and more of God. He claims the energies of the Church; but to a great extent the ability of our people is absorbed by unworthy objects. Too much time is devoted to petty ideas and claims. God wants us to come up into the mount, more directly into his presence. We are coming into a crisis, which, more than any previous time since the world began, will demand the entire consecration of every one that has named the name of Christ. God’s work demands all there is of us. But our people will never make this consecration until their hearts are changed. They need conversion as much as did Peter. When they have been thus quickened, Christ can say to them, ‘Strengthen thy brethren,’ ‘Feed my sheep,’ ‘Feed my lambs” (Review and Herald, December 15, 1885).

“Every truly converted soul will be intensely desirous to bring others from the darkness of error into the marvelous light of the righteousness of Jesus Christ. The great outpouring of the Spirit of God, which lightens the whole earth with His glory, will not come until we have an enlightened people, that know by experience what it means to be laborers together with God. When we have entire, wholehearted consecration to the service of Christ, God will recognize the

fact by an outpouring of His Spirit without measure; but this will not be while the largest portion of the church are not laborers together with God. God cannot pour out His Spirit when selfishness and self-indulgence are so manifest; when a spirit prevails that, if put into words, would express that answer of Cain—'Am I my brother's keeper?' ...

When the hearts of the believers are warm with the love for God, they will do a continual work for Jesus. They will manifest the meekness of Christ and display a steadfast purpose that will not fail nor be discouraged. God will use humble men to do His work, for there is a large vineyard calling for laborers" (My Life Today, 59).

"The angels of God in their messages to men represent time as very short. Thus it has always been presented to me. It is true that time has continued longer than we expected in the early days of this message. Our Saviour did not appear as soon as we hoped. But has the word of the Lord failed? Never! It should be remembered that the promises and threatenings of God are alike conditional.

God had committed to His people a work to be accomplished on earth. The third angel's message was to be given, the minds of believers were to be directed to the heavenly sanctuary, where Christ had entered to make atonement for His people. The Sabbath reform was to be carried forward. The breach in the law of God must be made up. The message must be proclaimed with a loud voice, that all the inhabitants of earth might receive the warning. The people of God must purify their souls through obedience to the truth, and be prepared to stand without fault before Him at His coming.

Had Adventists, after the great disappointment in 1844, held fast their faith, and followed on unitedly in the opening providence of God, receiving the message of the third angel and in the power of the Holy Spirit proclaiming it to the world, they would have seen the salvation of God, the Lord would have wrought mightily with their efforts, the work would have been completed, and Christ would have come ere this to receive His people to their reward.

But in the period of doubt and uncertainty that followed the disappointment, many of the advent believers yielded their faith. Dissensions and divisions came in. The majority opposed with voice and pen the few who, following in the providence of God, received the Sabbath reform and began to proclaim the third angel's message. Many who should have devoted their time and talents to the one purpose of sounding warning to the world, were absorbed in opposing the Sabbath truth, and in turn, the labor of its advocates was necessarily spent in answering these opponents and defending the truth. Thus the work was hindered, and the world was left in darkness. Had the whole Adventist body united upon the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus, how widely different would have been our history!

It was not the will of God that the coming of Christ should be thus delayed. God did not design that His people, Israel, should wander forty years in the wilderness. He promised to lead them directly to the land of Canaan, and establish them there a holy, healthy, happy people. But those to whom it was first preached, went not in "because of unbelief" (Hebrews 3:19). Their hearts were filled with murmuring, rebellion, and hatred, and He could not fulfill His covenant with them.

For forty years did unbelief, murmuring, and rebellion shut out ancient Israel from the land of Canaan. The same sins have delayed the entrance of modern Israel into the heavenly Canaan. In neither case were the promises of God at fault. It is the unbelief, the worldliness, unconsecration, and strife among the Lord's professed people that have kept us in this world of sin and sorrow so many years" (Selected Messages, Volume 1, 67-69).

“We may have to remain here in this world because of insubordination many more years as did the children of Israel; but for Christ’s sake, His people should not add sin to sin by charging God with the consequence of their own wrong course of action. Now, have men who claim to believe the Word of God learned their lesson that obedience is better than sacrifice? ‘He hath shewed thee (this rebellious people), O man, what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God.’ [Micah 6:8.]

Now the Lord will not be pleased with those men, whom He hath appointed to do a certain work, [if they] take on many lines of work and carry them until they become so wearisome that it breaks their strength. You, nor any other agency, cannot heal the hurt that has come to God’s people by neglect to lift up His standard and occupy new territory. The churches should now be acting in their strength, with capabilities, talents, and means, carrying the work, reaching higher and broader in capacity to stand before the world in the power of invincible truth.

But if all now would only see and confess and repent of their own course of action in departing from the truth of God, and following human devising, then the Lord would pardon” (Letter 184, 1901).

### **Reflect**

- *What do you understand as true conversion and how confident are you that it is yours?*
- *What does the missionary activity in your life or lack of it tell you about your conversion?*
- *What steps does God want you to take to experience a deeper conversion?*

### **Pray**

*Dear Rescuing Redeemer, I want a deeper experience in which You are everything and I am nothing. Please forgive my selfishness and all the sinful thoughts, words, and actions that have filled my life. Create in me a clean heart full of the love of Jesus. Let living waters flow out of me to those who are thirsty so that they can find deep conversion too.*

**Because Jesus wants to come soon, let’s seek a deeper conversion for us and others!**

Grow more in this area by exploring the book *Steps to Christ*, [reading it online](#), [listening to it](#), [studying it in a small group](#), or by [purchasing a copy](#).

## **The Work Will be Finished as We Respond to the True Witness to Laodicea**

### ***Consider***

“And to the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write, ‘These things says the Amen, the Faithful and True Witness, the Beginning of the creation of God: “I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I could wish you were cold or hot. So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth. Because you say, ‘I am rich, have become wealthy, and have need of nothing’—and do not know that you are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked—I counsel you to buy from Me gold refined in the fire, that you may be rich; and white garments, that you may be clothed, that the shame of your nakedness may not be revealed; and anoint your eyes with eye salve, that you may see. As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten. Therefore be zealous and repent. Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me. To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne. He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches”’ (Revelation 3:14-22)

“This fearful message will do its work. When it was first presented, it led to close examination of heart. Sins were confessed, and the people of God were stirred everywhere. Nearly all believed that this message would end in the loud cry of the third angel. But as they failed to see the powerful work accomplished in a short time, many lost the effect of the message. I saw that this message would not accomplish its work in a few short months. It is designed to arouse the people of God, to discover to them their backslidings, and to lead to zealous repentance, that they may be favored with the presence of Jesus, and be fitted for the loud cry of the third angel. As this message affected the heart, it led to deep humility before God. Angels were sent in every direction to prepare unbelieving hearts for the truth. The cause of God began to rise, and His people were acquainted with their position. If the counsel of the True Witness had been fully heeded, God would have wrought for His people in greater power. Yet the efforts made since the message has been given, have been blessed of God, and many souls have been brought from error and darkness to rejoice in the truth. (Testimonies, Volume 1, 186).

“As I have of late looked around to find the humble followers of the meek and lowly Jesus, my mind has been much exercised. Many who profess to be looking for the speedy coming of Christ are becoming conformed to this world and seek more earnestly the applause of those around them than the approbation of God. They are cold and formal, like the nominal churches from which they but a short time since separated. The words addressed to the Laodicean church describe their present condition perfectly” (Early Writings, 107).

“The message to the Laodicean church is highly applicable to us as a people.....You may manifest great zeal in missionary effort, and yet because it is corrupted with selfishness, and tastes strongly of self, it is naught in the sight of God; for it is a tainted, corrupted offering. Unless the door of the heart is open to Jesus, unless He occupies the soul temple, unless the heart is imbued with His divine attributes, human actions when weighed in the heavenly balances, will be pronounced ‘Wanting.’ The love of Christ would make you rich; but many do not realize the value of His love. Many do not realize that the spirit which they cherish is destitute of the meekness and lowliness of Christ, destitute of the love that would constitute them channels of light” (Bible Commentary, Volume 7, 961).

“Jesus is going from door to door, standing in front of every soul temple, proclaiming, ‘I stand at the door, and knock.’ As a heavenly merchantman, He opens His treasures and cries, ‘Buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear.’ The gold that He offers is without alloy, more precious than that of Ophir; for it is faith and love.

The white raiment He invites the soul to wear is His own robe of righteousness; and the oil for anointing is the oil of His grace, which will give spiritual eyesight to the soul in blindness and darkness, that he may distinguish between the workings of the Spirit of God and the spirit of the enemy. ‘Open your doors,’ says the great Merchantman, the possessor of spiritual riches, ‘and transact your business with Me. It is I, your Redeemer, who counsels you to buy of Me’” (Bible Commentary, Volume 7, 965).

“Not one of us will ever receive the seal of God while our characters have one spot or stain upon them. It is left with us to remedy the defects in our characters, to cleanse the soul-temple of every defilement. Then the latter rain will fall upon us as the early rain fell upon the disciples on the day of Pentecost.

We are too easily satisfied with our attainments. We feel rich and increased with goods, and know not that we are ‘wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked.’ Revelation 3:17. Now is the time to heed the admonition of the True Witness” (Christian Experience and Teachings, 189).

“I asked the meaning of the shaking I had seen and was shown that it would be caused by the straight testimony called forth by the counsel of the True Witness to the Laodiceans. This will have its effect upon the heart of the receiver, and will lead him to exalt the standard and pour forth the straight truth. Some will not bear this straight testimony. They will rise up against it, and this is what will cause a shaking among God’s people” (Early Writings, 270).

“In the parable the pearl is not represented as a gift. The merchantman bought it at the price of all that he had. Many question the meaning of this, since Christ is represented in the Scriptures as a gift. He is a gift, but only to those who give themselves, soul, body, and spirit, to Him without reserve. We are to give ourselves to Christ, to live a life of willing obedience to all His requirements. All that we are, all the talents and capabilities we possess, are the Lord’s, to be consecrated to His service. When we thus give ourselves wholly to Him, Christ, with all the treasures of heaven, gives Himself to us. We obtain the pearl of great price....

The Saviour’s voice earnestly and lovingly invites us: ‘I counsel thee to buy of Me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich.’ Revelation 3:8, 18” (Christ’s Object Lessons, 116).

“The Laodicean message has been sounding. Take this message in all its phases and sound it forth to the people wherever Providence opens the way. Justification by faith and the righteousness of Christ are the themes to be presented to a perishing world” (Bible Commentary, Volume 7, 964).

“Jesus says, ‘Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.’ Then I ask, How is it that so many of you are saying you do not know whether you are accepted of God or not; that you want to find Jesus? Don’t you know whether you have opened the door? Don’t you know whether you have invited him in? If you have not, invite him now. Don’t wait a moment. Open the door, and let Jesus in” (General Conference Daily Bulletin, April 13, 1891).



**Reflect**

- *In what ways do you feel you are sometimes lukewarm and have compromised your devotion to God?*
- *What hope do you see in the good news to the Laodicean church?*
- *How will you take steps to see yourself and your church on fire for Jesus?*

**Because Jesus wants to come soon, let's study and experience the message to the Laodicean Church!****Pray**

*True and Faithful Witness, the Amen, and my Creator, thank You for loving me enough to tell me my real condition. Thank You for the eyesalve of Your Holy Spirit that has helped me see my lukewarm life, my self-dependance, and worldliness. Please forgive me and give me a deep repentance. I beg You to cover me with the robe of Your righteousness, give me Your golden faith that produces Your kind of love. I give You all my heart and life in exchange for all of You.*

**Learn More**

Grow more in this area by exploring the eight-part study called [Encountering Jesus at Laodicea](#).

## **The Work Will be Finished Though Prayer**

### ***Consider***

“Therefore, pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest” (Matthew 9:38).

“Praying also for us, that God would open to us a door for the word, to speak the mystery of Christ” (Colossians 4:3).

“Pray for us, that the word of the Lord may run swiftly and be glorified, just as it is with you” (2 Thessalonians 3:1).

“Praying always...and for me, that utterance may be given to me, that I may open my mouth boldly to make known the mystery of the gospel” (Ephesians 6:18-19).

“These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication....That day about three thousand souls were added to them. And they continued steadfastly in the apostles’ doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers” (Acts 1:14; 2:41-42).

“The effective fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much” (James 5:16).

“If we have the interest that John Knox had when he pleaded before God for Scotland, we shall have success. He cried, ‘Give me Scotland, Lord or I die.’ And when we take hold of the work and wrestle with God, saying, ‘I must have souls; I will never give up the struggle,’ we shall find that God will look upon our efforts with favor” (Evangelism, 294).

“The secret of success is the union of divine power with human effort. Those who achieve the greatest results are those who rely most implicitly upon the Almighty Arm. The man who commanded, ‘Sun, stand thou still upon Gibeon; and thou, Moon, in the valley of Ajalon,’ is the man who for hours lay prostrate upon the earth in prayer in the camp of Gilgal. The men of prayer are the men of power” (Patriarchs and Prophets, 509).

“Of ourselves we can do nothing. Without the Spirit of God we are utterly helpless. Our strength lies in hiding in Jesus. God can do more in one moment to convict people than we can do in a lifetime. Therefore let us hold fast to the arm of Omnipotence. Let us lean upon Jesus” (Signs of the Times, November 7, 1900).

“We need the vitalizing power of the Spirit,--the strong cry of a church travailing to bring forth souls. There is need of more earnest wrestling with God for the impartation of the Holy Spirit. Eager, earnest, importunate prayer is needed. There is efficiency in prayer. In answer to fervent prayer, God can turn the thoughts and hearts of men as he turns the waters of the sea” (Review and Herald, December 30, 1902).

“In obedience to Christ’s command, they waited in Jerusalem for the promise of the Father--the outpouring of the Spirit. They did not wait in idleness. The record says that they were ‘continually in the temple, praising and blessing God.’ Luke 24:53.

They also met together to present their requests to the Father in the name of Jesus. They knew that they had a Representative in heaven, an Advocate at the throne of God.

In solemn awe they bowed in prayer, repeating the assurance, 'Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in My name, He will give it you. Hitherto have ye asked nothing in My name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full.' John 16:23, 24.

Higher and still higher they extended the hand of faith, with the mighty argument, 'It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us.' Romans 8:34....

The disciples prayed with intense earnestness for a fitness to meet men and in their daily intercourse to speak words that would lead sinners to Christ....

The disciples felt their spiritual need and cried to the Lord for the holy unction that was to fit them for the work of soul saving. They did not ask for a blessing for themselves merely. They were weighted with the burden of the salvation of souls. They realized that the gospel was to be carried to the world, and they claimed the power that Christ had promised" (Acts of the Apostles 35-37).

"Ministering angels are waiting about the throne to instantly obey the mandate of Jesus Christ to answer every prayer offered in earnest, living faith" (Selected Messages, Volume 2, 377).

### **Reflect**

- *Who of your family, friends, and those you daily pass needs more of your prayers that they might be ready for Jesus to come?*
- *How can you pray more frequently and earnestly for unreached people to be saved?*
- *What one thing will you do to help yourself grow in your prayer life?*

### **Because Jesus wants to come soon, let's grow in our prayer-dependence!**

#### **Pray**

*Father in Heaven, I am so thankful that You carefully listen to every word I pray and that You really will answer in the way You see is best. Forgive me for so often failing to pray with big faith. Please give me the Spirit of grace and supplication that You promised (Zechariah 12:10) so I can intercede powerfully for those who need to know You intimately. Open the door wide for the Gospel and raise up many more workers to reach them. Please begin with me.*

#### **Learn More**

Grow more in this area by exploring [Ten Days of Prayer](#) and [24/7 United Prayer](#).

## **The Work Will be Finished by *Spirit-Filled Preaching* of the Everlasting Gospel to All Nations**

### ***Consider***

“And it shall come to pass afterward that I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions. And also on My menservants and on My maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days....Before the coming of the great and awesome day of the Lord. And it shall come to pass that whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved” (Joel 2:28-29, 31-32).

“And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and begun to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance....Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, ‘Men and brethren, what shall we do?’....Then those who gladly received his word were baptized” (Acts 2:4, 37, 41).

“And when they had prayed, the place where they were assembled together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke the word of God with boldness” (Acts 4:31).

“For our gospel did not come to you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Spirit, and in much assurance” (1 Thessalonians 1:5).

“And I, brethren, when I came to you, did not come with excellence of speech or of wisdom declaring to you the testimony of God. For I determined not to know anything among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified. I was with you in weakness, in fear, and in much trembling. And my speech and my preaching were not with persuasive words of human wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, that your faith should not be in the wisdom of men but in the power of God” (1 Corinthians 2:1-5).

“After the descent of the Holy Spirit, the disciples were so filled with love for Him and for those for whom He died, that hearts were melted by the words they spoke and the prayers they offered. They spoke in the power of the Spirit; and under the influence of that power, thousands were converted” (Acts of the Apostles, 22).

“Thus the message of the third angel will be proclaimed. As the time comes for it to be given with greatest power, the Lord will work through humble instruments, leading the minds of those who consecrate themselves to His service. The laborers will be qualified rather by the unction of His Spirit than by the training of literary institutions. Men of faith and prayer will be constrained to go forth with holy zeal, declaring the words which God gives them. The sins of Babylon will be laid open. The fearful results of enforcing the observances of the church by civil authority, the inroads of spiritualism, the stealthy but rapid progress of the papal power—all will be unmasked. By these solemn warnings the people will be stirred. Thousands upon thousands will listen who have never heard words like these” (The Great Controversy, 607).

“Those who receive Christ as a personal Saviour will stand the test and trial of these last days. Strengthened by unquestioning faith in Christ, even the illiterate disciple will be able to withstand the doubts and questions that infidelity can produce, and put to blush the sophistries of scorners.

The Lord Jesus will give the disciples a tongue and wisdom that their adversaries can neither gainsay nor resist. Those who could not, by reasoning, overcome satanic delusions will bear an affirmative testimony that will baffle supposedly learned men. Words will come from the lips of the unlearned with such convincing power and wisdom that conversions will be made to the truth. Thousands will be converted under their testimony.

Why should the illiterate man have this power, which the learned man has not? The illiterate one, through faith in Christ, has come into the atmosphere of pure, clear truth, while the learned man has turned away from the truth. The poor man is Christ's witness. He cannot appeal to histories or to so-called high science, but he gathers from the Word of God powerful evidence. The truth that he speaks under the inspiration of the Spirit is so pure and remarkable and carries with it a power so indisputable that his testimony cannot be gainsaid" (Last Day Events, 205-206).

"The Spirit of the Lord will so graciously bless consecrated human instrumentalities that men, women, and children will open their lips in praise and thanksgiving, filling the earth with the knowledge of God, and with His unsurpassed glory, as the waters cover the sea" (The Review and Herald, October 13, 1904).

"As the third angel's message swells into a loud cry, great power and glory will attend its proclamation. The faces of God's people will shine with the light of heaven" (Testimonies, Volume 7, 17).

### **Reflect**

- *What opportunities are around you for preaching and sharing the good news?*
- *How much time do you spend praying for the delivery of a message compared to the time you spend preparing the content of that message?*
- *What will you do to further train and prepare your heart and life so that you can share Spirit-filled messages?*

**Because Jesus wants to come soon, let's plead for the Holy Spirit until we speak boldly with love!**

### **Pray**

*You are the Word of Life who in the beginning was with God and was God. You are the Word who became flesh and dwelt among us and I have seen God's glory through You, full of grace and truth (John 1: 1, 14). Thank You for speaking to my heart and changing my life. Please fill me with Your mighty Spirit so I can share Your words of eternal life powerfully (John 6:68). Come and touch my tongue so I won't speak out of pride or with self-confidence. Let Your love be so present in me that it melts the hearts of sinners and leads them to You.*

**Learn More** Grow more in this area by exploring [resources on preaching from the Adventist Book Center](#).

## **The Work Will be Finished by Spirit-Filled Preaching of *the Everlasting Gospel* to All Nations**

### ***Consider***

“Then I saw another angel flying in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach to those who dwell on the earth—to every nation, tribe, tongue, and people....Then I looked, and behold, a white cloud, and on the cloud sat One like the Son of Man, having on His head a golden crown, and in His hand a sharp sickle....So He who sat on the cloud thrust in His sickle on the earth, and the earth was reaped” (Revelation 14:6, 14-16).

“But in the days of the sounding of the seventh angel, when he is about to sound, the mystery of God would be finished, as He declared to His servants the prophets....And he said unto me, Thou must prophesy again before many peoples, and nations, and tongues, and kings” (Revelation 10:7, 11 KJV).

“‘And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all peoples to Myself.’ This He said, signifying by what death He would die” (John 12:32-33).

“The whole earth is to be lightened with the glory of God’s truth. The Lord will not close up the period of probation until the warning message shall be more distinctly proclaimed. The trumpet must give a certain sound. The law of God is to be magnified, its claims must be presented, in their true, sacred character, that the people may be brought to decide for or against the truth. Yet the work will be cut short in righteousness. The message of Christ’s righteousness is to sound from one end of the world to the other. This is the glory of God which closes the work of the third angel” (Letters and Manuscripts, Volume 7, Letter 2c, 1892).

“The truths of the third angel’s message have been presented by some as a dry theory; but in this message is to be presented Christ the Living One. He is to be revealed as the first and the last, as the I AM, the Root and the Offspring of David, and the bright and morning Star. Through this message the character of God in Christ is to be manifested to the world....There is a great work to be done, and every effort possible must be made to reveal Christ as the sin-pardoning Saviour, Christ as the Sin Bearer, Christ as the bright and morning Star; and the Lord will give us favor before the world until our work is done” (Testimonies, Volume 6, 20-21).

“Zeal for God and His cause moved the disciples to bear witness to the gospel with mighty power. Should not a like zeal fire our hearts with a determination to tell the story of redeeming love, of Christ and Him crucified? It is the privilege of every Christian, not only to look for, but to hasten the coming of the Saviour.

If the church will put on the robe of Christ's righteousness, withdrawing from all allegiance with the world, there is before her the dawn of a bright and glorious day” (Acts of the Apostles, 600-601).

“They have been given a work of the most solemn import—the proclamation of the first, second, and third angels’ messages. There is no other work of so great importance. They are to allow nothing else to absorb their attention....Everything in the universe calls upon those who know the truth to consecrate themselves unreservedly to the proclamation of the truth as it has been made known to them in the third angel’s message” (Testimonies Volume 9, 19, 25).

"Several have written to me, inquiring if the message of justification by faith is the third angel's message, and I have answered, 'It is the third angel's message, in verity'" (Review and Herald, April 1, 1890).

"The Lord in His great mercy sent a most precious message to His people through Elders Waggoner and Jones. This message was to bring more prominently before the world the uplifted Saviour, the sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. It presented justification through faith in the Surety; it invited the people to receive the righteousness of Christ, which is made manifest in obedience to all the commandments of God. Many had lost sight of Jesus. They needed to have their eyes directed to His divine person, His merits, and His changeless love for the human family. All power is given into His hands, that He may dispense rich gifts unto men, imparting the priceless gift of His own righteousness to the helpless human agent. This is the message that God commanded to be given to the world. It is the third angel's message, which is to be proclaimed with a loud voice, and attended with the outpouring of His Spirit in a large measure" (Testimonies to Ministers and Gospel Workers, 91-92).

"As Christ's ambassadors, they are to search the Scriptures, to seek for the truths that have been hidden beneath the rubbish of error. And every ray of light received is to be communicated to others. One interest will prevail, one subject will swallow up every other,—Christ our righteousness.... Not one can afford to be silent now; the burden of the work is to present Christ to the world" (Ellen White, 1888 Materials, 765).

### **Reflect**

- *Do you know what the three angels' messages mean?*
- *Are you living and sharing those messages?*
- *What can you do to further understand the message of Christ our righteousness?*

**Because Jesus wants to come soon, let's know more deeply and share the everlasting Gospel!**

### **Pray**

*Righteous Father, forgive me for not excitedly receiving your gift of Christ's righteousness for my every need. Forgive me for the many times I have not eagerly shared the everlasting gospel with people who needed it. Help me to understand the depth of what You have done for me through Jesus and take hold of it with the measure of faith You have already given me. Equip me to share this message effectively.*

### **Learn More**

Grow more in this area by exploring [adventaudio.org](http://adventaudio.org)

## **The Work Will be Finished by Spirit-Filled Preaching of the Everlasting Gospel to All Nations**

“And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come” (Matthew 24:14).

“After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, saying, ‘Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!’” (Revelation 7:9-10).

“Then I saw another angel flying in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach to those who dwell on the earth—to every nation, tribe, tongue, and people” (Revelation 14:6, 14-16).

“The time has come when through God’s messengers the scroll is being unrolled to the world. The truth contained in the first, second, and third angels’ messages must go to every nation, kindred, tongue, and people; it must lighten the darkness of every continent, and extend to the islands of the sea. There must be no delay in this work.

Our watchword is to be, Onward, ever onward! Angels of heaven will go before us to prepare the way. Our burden for the regions beyond can never be laid down till the whole earth is lightened with the glory of the Lord” (Gospel Workers, 470).

“The vineyard includes the whole world, and every part of it is to be worked. There are places which are now a moral wilderness, and these are to become as the garden of the Lord. The waste places of the earth are to be cultivated, that they may bud and blossom as the rose. New territories are to be worked by men inspired by the Holy Spirit. New churches must be established, new congregations organized. At this time there should be representatives of present truth in every city, and in the remote parts of the earth. The whole earth is to be illuminated with the glory of God’s truth. The light is to shine to all lands and all peoples. And it is from those who have received the light that it is to shine forth. The day-star has risen upon us, and we are to flash its light upon the pathway of those in darkness.....

The cry comes from far-off countries, ‘Come over and help us.’ These are not so easily reached, and not so ready for the harvest, as are the fields more nearly within our sight; but they must not be neglected” (Christian Experience and Teachings, 220-221).

“In heathen Africa, in the Catholic lands of Europe and of South America, in China, in India, in the islands of the sea, and in all the dark corners of the earth, God has in reserve a firmament of chosen ones that will yet shine forth amidst the darkness, revealing clearly to an apostate world the transforming power of obedience to His law.

Even now they are appearing in every nation, among every tongue and people; and in the hour of deepest apostasy, when Satan’s supreme effort is made to cause ‘all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond,’ to receive, under penalty of death, the sign of allegiance to a false rest day, these faithful ones, ‘blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke,’ will ‘shine as lights in the world’ (Last Day Events, 211).

“Christ tells us when that day shall be ushered in. He does not say that all the world will be converted, but that ‘this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness



unto all nations; and then shall the end come.' By giving the gospel to the world it is in our power to hasten our Lord's return. We are not only to look for but to hasten the coming of the day of God. 2 Peter 3:12, margin. Had the church of Christ done her appointed work as the Lord ordained, the whole world would before this have been warned, and the Lord Jesus would have come to our earth in power and great glory" (Desire of Ages, 633).

"It [the coming of the Lord] will not tarry past the time that the message is borne to all nations, tongues, and peoples. Shall we who claim to be students of prophecy forget that God's forbearance to the wicked is a part of the vast and merciful plan by which He is seeking to compass the salvation of souls?" (Review and Herald, June 18, 1901).

"When divine power is combined with human effort, the work will spread like fire in the stubble. God will employ agencies whose origin man will be unable to discern; angels will do a work which men might have had the blessing of accomplishing, had they not neglected to answer the claims of God. The work is now presented to man. Will he take it? There are at the present time many doors unbolted and thrown open to the workers. Will they enter these doors? Who is ready at the bidding of the Master to say, 'Here am I, Lord, send me'? The Macedonian cry comes to us in pitiful appeals from all parts of the world, 'Come over and help us.'

The missions in Europe need help, and the blood of souls will be upon those whom God has blessed with great light, but who have not sought with earnest faith and determined effort to qualify themselves to open the Scriptures to others....There is London, with its five million inhabitants; but no real workers there. There are all the large cities in England, which need many missionaries; who will respond? Are there not men who will dedicate themselves to God, soul, body, and spirit, to go forth and enlighten others?" (Review and Herald, December 15, 1885).

"You are entertaining too limited ideas of the work for this time. You are trying to plan the work so that you can embrace it in your arms. You must take broader views. Your light must not be put under a bushel or under a bed, but on a candlestick, that it may give light to all that are in the house. Your house is the world" (Pamphlet 122, 3).

### **Reflect**

- *Which ethnicities, which people groups have had little or no chance to hear the Gospel?*
- *What is God calling you to do to take the Gospel to those who have never heard?*
- *How can you live more simply so you can better financially support those who are focused on the unreached?*

**Because Jesus wants to come soon, let's do everything we can to take the gospel to every people group!**

*Dear God who so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, please fill me with that same love so that through me people of other ethnic groups might learn that whoever believes in You will not perish but have everlasting life. Send me to one of those unreached people groups or use my money to send someone to those who have no witness. Finish Your work in my church and in me so you can finish the work in the world.*

Grow more in this area by exploring who and where [the unreached people groups](#) are. Find out how to be involved in overseas missions at [AdventistMission.org](http://AdventistMission.org)

## **The Work Will be Finished by Reaching Our Foreign-Born Neighbors**

### ***Consider***

“And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. And there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men, from every nation under heaven. And when this sound occurred, the multitude came together, and were confused, because everyone heard them speak in his own language. Then they were all amazed and marveled, saying to one another...‘we hear them speaking in our own tongues the wonderful works of God’....But Peter, standing up with the eleven, raised his voice and said to them,...this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, that I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh” (Acts 2:4-17).

“The Lord will arise over you, and His glory will be seen upon you. The Gentiles shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising. Lift up your eyes all around, and see; they all gather together, they come to you....The wealth of the Gentiles shall come to you....A little one shall become a thousand, and a small one a strong nation. I, the Lord, will hasten it in its time” (Isaiah 60:2-4, 5, 22).

“We should be able to see in the multiplying opportunities to reach many foreigners in America a divinely appointed means of rapidly extending the third angel’s message into all the nations of earth. God in His providence has brought men to our very doors and thrust them, as it were, into our arms, that they might learn the truth, and be qualified to do a work we could not do in getting the light before men of other tongues” (Evangelism, 570).

“God desires His servants to do their full duty toward the unwarned millions of the cities, and especially toward those who have come to these cities in our land from the nations of earth. Many of these foreigners are here in the providence of God, that they may have opportunity to hear the truth for this time.

Great benefits would come to the cause of God in the regions beyond if faithful effort were put forth in behalf of the foreigners in the cities of our homeland. Among these men and women are some who, upon accepting the truth, could soon be fitted to labor for their own people in this country and in other countries. Many might return to the places from which they came, in the hope of winning their friends to the truth. They could search out their kinsfolk and neighbors, and communicate to them a knowledge of the third angel’s message” (Evangelism, 569-570).

“Not all the means that can be gathered up is to be sent from America to distant lands, while in the home field there exist such providential opportunities to present the truth to millions who have never heard it. Among these millions are the representatives of many nations, many of whom are prepared to receive the message. Much remains to be done within the shadow of our doors—in the cities of California, New York, and many other States....

Wake up, wake up, my brethren and sisters, and enter the fields in America that have never been worked. After you have given something for foreign fields, do not think your duty done. There is a work to be done in foreign fields, but there is a work to be done in America that is just as important. In the cities of America there are people of almost every language. These need the light that God has given to His church” (Testimonies for the Church, Volume 8, 34-36).

There is a great work to be done for the people of all nations in the large cities in America, and such rallying points as this may be a great help in the matter of gaining the attention of the

people, and in the training of workers. In every large city of America there are people of different nationalities, who must hear the message for this time. I long to see evidence that the lines of work which the Lord has marked out are being disinterestedly taken up. A work similar to that which is being done in Chicago for the Swedish people should be done in many places” (Evangelism, 572)

“Altogether too feeble efforts are being made to connect those with our schools of different nationalities who ought to be connected with them, that they may receive an education and become fitted for the work so noble, so elevated, and far-reaching in its influence....The missions in our cities at home and abroad call for men who are imbued with the Spirit of Christ, who will work as Christ worked” (Fundamentals of Education, 111).

### **Reflect**

- *Who do you see living near you that are from other countries?*
- *Which of those ethnicities are from countries where the gospel is restricted or where there are almost no Christians?*
- *What can you do to befriend them and share God’s love and truth with them?*

**Because Jesus wants to come soon, let’s increase our focus on reaching our foreign-born neighbors!**

### **Pray**

*Lord of the nations, thank You for loving people of every background. Give me Your heart for the refugees, immigrants, international students, and tourists nearby. Please put someone across my path who is searching as you did with Philip and the Ethiopian treasurer (Acts 8). Let them experience Your love and receive Your salvation through Jesus and then share it with their own people both here and back in their home country. Fulfill Your promise that a little one shall become a thousand, and a small one a strong nation, that You will hasten it in its time” (Isaiah 60:22).*

### **Learn More**

Grow more in this area by exploring [homeforallnations.org](http://homeforallnations.org), [reachtheworldnextdoor.com](http://reachtheworldnextdoor.com), and [refugeeministries.org](http://refugeeministries.org).

## **The Work Will be Finished as Families Partner with God**

### ***Consider***

“Get out of your country, from your family and from your father’s house, to a land that I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name great; and you shall be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and I will curse him who curses you; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed” (Genesis 12:1-3).

“Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord. And he will turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers” (Malachi 4:5-6).

“‘They shall be Mine,’ says the Lord of hosts, ‘On the day that I make them My jewels. And I will spare them as a man spares his own son who serves him’” (Malachi 3:17).

“One well-ordered, well-disciplined family tells more in behalf of Christianity than all the sermons that can be preached. Such a family gives evidence that the parents have been successful in following God’s directions, and that their children will serve Him in the church. Their influence grows; for as they impart, they receive to impart again. The father and mother find helpers in their children, who give to others the instruction received in the home. The neighborhood in which they live is helped, for in it they have become enriched for time and for eternity. The whole family is engaged in the service of the Master; and by their godly example, others are inspired to be faithful and true to God in dealing with His flock, His beautiful flock.

The greatest evidence of the power of Christianity that can be presented to the world is a well-ordered, well-disciplined family. This will recommend the truth as nothing else can, for it is a living witness of its practical power upon the heart” (Adventist Home, 32).

“Missionaries for the Master are best prepared for work abroad in the Christian household, where God is feared, where God is loved, where God is worshiped, where faithfulness has become second nature, where haphazard, careless inattention to home duties is not permitted, where quiet communion with God is looked upon as essential to the faithful performance of daily duties” (Adventist Home, 35).

“Parents, you think you have no time to do all this work; but if you do not train your family, Satan will supply your deficiency and educate them after his own Satanic order. Better to neglect anything of a temporal nature, to be satisfied to live economically, to bind about your wants, than to neglect the work of training yourselves and your children in the way that God would have you....Look upon the family circle as a training school, where you are preparing your children for the performance of their duties at home, in society, and in the church. Seek to cultivate every power of mind and body in order that the whole family may be soldiers for Christ” (The Signs of the Times, September 10, 1894).

“Parents, will you not cherish the faith that works by love and purifies the soul? If you do this, everything is gained. Your children will be imbued with the spirit you cherish, and a light will shine forth extending from the home like a genial atmosphere. Your influence will be like a heavenly radiance that shines from the throne of God in clear, strong rays, to light the moral darkness that pervades the world” (The Signs of the Times, September 10, 1894).

“With us as parents and as Christians it rests to give our children right direction. They are to be carefully, wisely, tenderly guided into paths of Christlike ministry. We are under sacred covenant with God to rear our children for His service. To surround them with such influences as shall lead them to choose a life of service, and to give them the training needed, is our first duty” (Ministry of Healing, 396).

“In the closing scenes of this earth’s history many of these children and youth will astonish people by their witness to the truth, which will be borne in simplicity, yet with spirit and power. They have been taught the fear of the Lord, and their hearts have been softened by a careful and prayerful study of the Bible. In the near future many children will be endued with the Spirit of God and will do a work in proclaiming the truth to the world that at that time cannot well be done by the older members of the church” (Adventist Home, 489).

“Our church schools are ordained by God to prepare the children for this great work. Here children are to be instructed in the special truths for this time and in practical missionary work. They are to enlist in the army of workers to help the sick and the suffering. Children can take part in the medical missionary work and by their jots and tittles can help to carry it forward.... By them God’s message will be made known and His saving health to all nations. Then let the church carry a burden for the lambs of the flock. Let the children be educated and trained to do service for God” (Adventist Home, 489).

### **Reflect**

- *In what ways do you need to turn your heart more towards your children and/or your parents?*
- *In what ways can you better prepare your family for Jesus’ return?*
- *How can you more effectively equip your family members to share their faith?*

**Because Jesus wants to come soon, let’s prioritize our relationships with our family members, helping them improve their walk with God and service for Him!**

### **Pray**

*My Loving Heavenly Father, thank You for calling me to be Your child. Please lead my family closer and closer to You. Help me to show them Your love in every way possible. Bind our hearts to each other and to You. Forgive us for the many times we have not represented You well. Let Your faithfulness, Your unending love, Your sacrifice, and Your mercy touch our lives and then be seen by the world around us through how we treat each other. Help us as a family to reach other families for You.*

### **Learn More**

Grow more in this area by exploring [Adventist Family Ministries](#), and [Restoration International](#). Read helpful counsel in [Adventist Home](#) and [Child Guidance](#).

## **The Work Will be Finished as We Share Literature**

### ***Consider***

“Inasmuch as many have taken in hand to set in order a narrative of those things which have been fulfilled among us, just as those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word delivered them to us, it seemed good to me also...to write to you an orderly account...that you may know the certainty of those things” (Luke 1:1-4).

“These are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in his name” (John 20:31).

“After these things I saw another angel coming down from heaven, having great authority, and the earth was illuminated with his glory” (Revelation 18:1).

“In a large degree through our publishing houses is to be accomplished the work of that other angel who comes down from heaven with great power and who lightens the earth with his glory” (Last Day Events, 213).

“The truth is to be translated into many languages, that all nations may enjoy its pure, life-giving influence. This work calls for the exercise of all the talents that God has entrusted to our keeping—the pen, the press, the voice, the purse, and the sanctified affections of the soul...If we are clothed with the righteousness of Christ and are filled with the joy of His indwelling Spirit, we shall not be able to hold our peace” (Evangelism, 570).

“It is with an earnest longing that I look forward to the time when the events of the Day of Pentecost shall be repeated with even greater power than on that occasion. John says, ‘I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory’ [Rev. 18:1]. Then, as at the Pentecostal season, the people will hear the truth spoken to them, every man in his own tongue” (Bible Commentary, Volume 6, 1055).

“The book *The Great Controversy*, I appreciate above silver or gold, and I greatly desire that it shall come before the people....The results of the circulation of this book are not to be judged by what now appears. By reading it, some souls will be aroused, and will have courage to unite themselves at once with those who keep the commandments of God. But a much larger number who read it will not take their position until they see the very events taking place that are foretold in it. The fulfillment of some of the predictions will inspire faith that others also will come to pass, and when the earth is lightened with the glory of the Lord, in the closing work, many souls will take their position on the commandments of God as the result of this agency” (Colporteur Ministry, 128).

“I have been shown that the publications already have been doing a work upon some minds in other countries, in breaking down the walls of prejudice and superstition. I was shown men and women studying with intense interest papers and a few pages of tracts upon present truth. They would read the evidences so wonderful and new to them, and would open their Bibles with a deep and new interest, as subjects of truth that had been dark to them were made plain, especially the light in regard to the Sabbath of the fourth commandment. As they searched the Scriptures to see if these things were so, a new light shone upon their understanding, for angels

were hovering over them, and impressing their minds with the truths contained in the publications they had been reading” (Counsels to Writers, 180).

“I saw them holding papers and tracts in one hand, and the Bible in the other, while their cheeks were wet with tears; and bowing before God in earnest, humble prayer, to be guided into all truth,—the very thing He was doing for them before they called upon Him. And when the truth was received in their hearts, and they saw the harmonious chain of truth, the Bible was to them a new book; they hugged it to their hearts with grateful joy, while their countenances were all aglow with happiness and holy joy. These were not satisfied with merely enjoying the light themselves, and they began to work for others. Some made great sacrifices for the truth’s sake and to help those of the brethren who were in darkness” (Counsels to Writers, 181).

“None can estimate the influence that even a torn page, containing the truths of the third angel’s message, may have upon the heart of some seek.

There are many places in which the voice of the minister cannot be heard, places which can be reached only by our publications,—the books, papers, and tracts, filled with the Bible truths that the people need. Our literature is to be distributed everywhere. The truth is to be sown beside all waters; for we know not which will prosper, this or that. In our erring judgment we may think it unwise to give literature to the very ones who would accept the truth the most readily. We know not what may be the results of giving away a leaflet containing present truth” (Pamphlet 92, 7).

“To give *all nations* the message of warning—this is to be the object of our efforts....From city to city, and from country to country, they are to carry the publications containing the promise of the Saviour’s soon coming. These publications are to be translated into every language; for to all the world the gospel is to be preached” (The Review and Herald, February 9, 1905).

“More than one thousand will soon be converted in one day, most of whom will trace their first convictions to the reading of our publications” (Last Day Events, 214).

### **Reflect**

- *What steps can you take to share more literature wherever you go?*
- *How can you be more watchful for people who speak various languages and place in their hands resources that they understand?*
- *What organizations can you support financially to share literature and Bibles?*

**Because Jesus wants to come soon, let’s share resources in many languages everywhere!**

### **Pray**

*Dear God, You are like a Master Gardener who prepares the soil carefully, places the seed, and then lovingly nurtures the plant to full growth until he can enjoy its harvest. Thank You for sending Your words of truth like seeds into my heart and helping me grow. Please help me to share pamphlets, books, and resources online with people wherever I go. Give me courage and love to sow and nurture those who are interested as You have done for me.*

### **Learn More**

Grow more in this area by exploring [My Language My Life \(MLML.org\)](http://MyLanguageMyLife.org) where you can find Biblical resources in more than 180 languages.

## **The Work Will be Finished as the Majority of Church Members Gets Involved**

### ***Consider***

“And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ....according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body” (Ephesians 4:11-16).

“There are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. There are differences of ministries, but the same Lord. And there are diversities of activities, but it is the same God who works all in all. But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all” (1 Corinthians 12:47).

“And daily in the temple, and in every house, they did not cease teaching and preaching Jesus as the Christ” (Acts 5:42).

“Were every one of you a living missionary, the message for this time would speedily be proclaimed in all countries, to every people and nation and tongue” (Christian Service, 9).

“The work of God in this earth can never be finished until the men and women comprising our church membership rally to the work, and unite their efforts with those of ministers and church officers” (Christian Service, 68).

“Instead of keeping the ministers at work for the churches that already know the truth, let the members of the churches say to these laborers: ‘Go work for souls that are perishing in darkness. We ourselves will carry forward the services of the church. We will keep up the meetings, and, by abiding in Christ, will maintain spiritual life. We will work for souls that are about us, and we will send our prayers and our gifts to sustain the laborers in more needy and destitute fields’” (Evangelism, 382).

“Every church member has an individual work to do. A greater effort should be put forth from house to house, holding Bible readings and distributing literature. No character can be symmetrically and completely formed, unless it is considered a privilege to work interestedly in the proclamation of the truth and to sustain the cause of God with means. The treasury must not be allowed to become empty when there are such urgent calls for help from every part of the world.

Again I say to all who desire to be baptized with the Holy Ghost: Take up the work where you are, and with your donations you may also help the work in places afar off. It is the duty of those who remain in the home field to sustain the laborers among people of other languages and other religions, to bring them to a saving knowledge of the truth. Cut off every unnecessary expense in every line, and let self-sacrifice be your aim. May God help us to view the situation as He views it” (Letters and Manuscripts, Volume 21, Manuscript 101, 1906).

“How can the great work of the third angel’s message be accomplished? It must be largely accomplished by persevering, individual effort; by visiting the people at their homes” (Historical Sketches, 150).



“Hundreds and thousands were seen visiting families, and opening before them the word of God. Hearts were convicted by the power of the Holy Spirit, and a spirit of genuine conversion was manifest. On every side doors were thrown open to the proclamation of the truth. The world seemed to be lightened with the heavenly influence. Great blessings were received by the true and humble people of God” (Christian Service, 42).

“Those who think of the result of hastening or hindering the gospel think of it in relation to themselves and to the world. Few think of its relation to God. Few give thought to the suffering that sin has caused our Creator....the heart of the infinite Father is pained in sympathy. Our world is a vast lazarus house, a scene of misery that we dare not allow even our thoughts to dwell upon. Did we realize it as it is, the burden would be too terrible. Yet God feels it all. In order to destroy sin and its results He gave His best Beloved, and He has put it in our power, through co-operation with Him, to bring this scene of misery to an end. ‘This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.’ Matthew 24:14.

‘Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature’ (Mark 16:15), is Christ’s command to His followers. Not that all are called to be ministers or missionaries in the ordinary sense of the term; but all may be workers with Him in giving the ‘glad tidings’ to their fellow men. To all, great or small, learned or ignorant, old or young, the command is given” (Education, 263-264).

“Long has God waited for the spirit of service to take possession of the whole church so that everyone shall be working for Him according to his ability. When the members of the church of God do their appointed work in the needy fields at home and abroad, in fulfillment of the gospel commission, the whole world will soon be warned and the Lord Jesus will return to this earth with power and great glory. “This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.” Matthew 24:14” (Acts of the Apostles, 111).

### **Reflect**

- *What are some ways you can better cooperate with your pastor and church members to speed up the coming of Jesus?*
- *How can you get to know more of your neighbors?*
- *How can you give more opportunities to know God and His word to those who will never step inside your church’s doors?*

**Because Jesus wants to come soon, let’s help each other to all do our part!**

### **Pray**

*Please take me and use me as one part of Your great body of believers. Help me to do my part and to work carefully with everyone else in the church. Forgive me for the times I have been lazy, sought my own pleasure rather than someone else’s salvation, sat back and assumed others would do the work. Please revitalize me to serve You with all of my heart, talents, and resources.*

### **Learn More**

Grow in this area by exploring [spiritual gifts](#), taking a [Spiritual Gift Inventory](#), and learning through various [evangelism training programs](#).

## **The Work Will be Finished by Large Numbers Coming from Outside the Church**

### ***Consider***

“After these things I saw another angel coming down from heaven, having great authority, and the earth was illuminated with his glory. And he cried mightily with a loud voice, saying, ‘Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and has become a dwelling place of demons, a prison for every foul spirit, and a cage for every unclean and hated bird! For all the nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth have become rich through the abundance of her luxury.’ And I heard another voice from heaven saying, ‘Come out of her, my people, lest you share in her sins, and lest you receive of her plagues. For her sins have reached to heaven, and God has remembered her iniquities’” (Revelation 18:1-5).

“I lay down My life for the sheep. And other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they will hear My voice; and there will be one flock and one shepherd” (John 10:15-16).

“The broken ranks will be filled up by those represented by Christ as coming in at the eleventh hour. There are many with whom the Spirit of God is striving. The time of God’s destructive judgments is the time of mercy for those who [now] have no opportunity to learn what is truth. Tenderly will the Lord look upon them. His heart of mercy is touched, His hand is still stretched out to save, while the door is closed to those who would not enter. Large numbers will be admitted who in these last days hear the truth for the first time” (Last Day Events, 182).

“Standard after standard was left to trail in the dust as company after company from the Lord’s army joined the foe and tribe after tribe from the ranks of the enemy united with the commandment-keeping people of God” (Testimonies for the Church, Volume 8, 41).

“Notwithstanding the spiritual darkness and alienation from God that exist in the churches which constitute Babylon, the great body of Christ’s true followers are still to be found in their communion” (The Great Controversy, 390).

“There are many souls to come out of the ranks of the world, out of the churches--even the Catholic Church--whose zeal will far exceed that of those who have stood in rank and file to proclaim the truth heretofore” (Selected Messages, Volume 3, 386, 387).

“I saw that God has honest children among the nominal Adventists and the fallen churches, and before the plagues shall be poured out, ministers and people will be called out from these churches and will gladly receive the truth. Satan knows this; and before the loud cry of the third angel is given, he raises an excitement in these religious bodies, that those who have rejected the truth may think that God is with them. He hopes to deceive the honest and lead them to think that God is still working for the churches. But the light will shine, and all who are honest will leave the fallen churches, and take their stand with the remnant” (Early Writings, 261).

### ***Reflect***

- *What can you do to better understand the uniqueness of the Seventh-day Adventist message so you can be faithful to God’s word and share it effectively?*

- *Will you pray more for your Protestant and Catholic friends and neighbors to become part of the final end-time mission movement?*
- *How can you help your own church to know what it believes and have a more living connection with God so they are not shaken out?*

**Because Jesus wants to come soon, let's lovingly and boldly share the depth and beauty of the three angels' messages with Christians!**

*Dear Watchful Shepherd, thank You for seeking me when I was lost. Thank You for being so devoted to each of Your sheep even to the point of laying down Your life. Please help me to know that each piece of Your truth is part of Your protection and desire for Your sheep to have life more abundantly. Help me to actively partner with You in sharing your end-time truths with Christians of other denominations. Give me the right combination of boldness and tactfulness.*

***Learn More***

Grow in this area by exploring an evangelism series focused on sharing end-time truths and calling people out of Babylon: [Hope Awakens with John Bradshaw](#), [Panorama of Prophecy with Doug Batchelor](#), [Unlocking Bible Prophecies with Cami Oetman](#), [Three Cosmic Messages with Mark Finley](#), and many more resources from the [Ministerial Association of the General Conference](#).

## **The Work Will be Finished as God's People Pursue Unity**

### ***Consider***

“That they all may be one as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me. And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one; I in them, and You in Me, that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me” (John 17:21-23).

“These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication” (Acts 1:14).

“When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in place....And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit” (Acts 1:1-4).

“Now all who believed were together, and had all things in common, and sold their possessions and goods, and divided them among all, as anyone had need. So continuing daily with one accord in the temple....And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved” (Acts 2:44-47).

“When God's people place themselves in proper relation to Him and to one another, there will be a full impartation of the Holy Spirit for the harmonious combination of the whole body.

Nothing so manifestly weakens a church as disunion and strife. Nothing so wars against Christ and the truth as this spirit....We can be united with one another only as we are united with Christ.... Many who have dwelt much upon doctrinal subjects, but who have not learned of Christ, have been found unable to control themselves. They need the Holy Spirit's power. We should seek to understand what it means to be in complete union with Christ, who is the propitiation for our sins and for the sins of the whole world. Our life should be bound up with His life....When God's chosen people are of one mind, barriers of selfishness will disappear as by magic, and many, many more souls will be converted because of the unity which exists among believers. There is one body and one spirit. Those who have been building territorial lines of distinction, barriers of color and caste, might better take these down much faster than they put them up.

Those in whose hearts Christ abides recognize Christ abiding in the hearts of others. Christ never wars against Christ. Christ never exerts an influence against Christ. Christians are to do their work, whatever it may be, in the unity of the Spirit, for the perfecting of the whole body. The church is to be purified, refined, ennobled. The members are to cast from their hearts the idols which have hindered their advancement in spirituality. By the influence of the Spirit, the most discordant may be brought into harmony. Unselfishness is to bind God's people together with firm, tender bonds. There is a vast power in the church when the energies of the members are under the control of the Spirit, gathering good from every source, educating, training, and disciplining self. Thus is presented to God a powerful organization through which He can work for the conversion of sinners. Thus heaven and earth are connected, and all the divine agencies cooperate with human instrumentalities” (Signs of the Times, February 7, 1900).

“As trials thicken around us, both separation and unity will be seen in our ranks....The people of God will draw together and present to the enemy a united front. In view of the common peril, strife for supremacy will cease; there will be no disputing as to who shall be accounted greatest. No one of the true believers will say: ‘I am of Paul; and I of Apollos; and I of Cephas.’ The testimony of one and all will be: ‘I cleave unto Christ; I rejoice in Him as my personal Saviour.’

Thus will the truth be brought into practical life, and thus will be answered the prayer of Christ, uttered just before His humiliation and death: "That they all may be one; as Thou, Father, art in Me, and I in Thee, that they also may be one in Us: that the world may believe that Thou hast sent Me." John 17:21. The love of Christ, the love of our brethren, will testify to the world that we have been with Jesus and learned of Him. Then will the message of the third angel swell to a loud cry, and the whole earth will be lightened with the glory of the Lord" (Testimonies, Volume 6, 401).

"Brethren and sisters, we have no time to dwell on little differences. For Christ's sake, to your knees in prayer! Go to God, and ask Him to give you a clean heart. Ask Him to help you to stand where He wants you to be. Labor in harmony with one another, even though you are not alike. Do you not know that of the leaves on a tree there are no two exactly alike? From this God would teach us that among His servants there is to be unity in diversity.

Bring all the pleasantness that you can into your lives. Do not make your mind a depository for the enemy's rubbish. Do not let trifling differences destroy your fellowship with one another. Do not say that because your brethren differ with you in some particular you cannot stand by their side in service. They do not differ with you any more than you differ with them.

We are commanded to love one another as Christ has loved us. So great was His love for us that He willingly gave His life for us. And our love for one another is to make us willing to sacrifice our feelings and ideas, if by so doing we can help them" (General Conference Bulletin, March 30, 1903).

"When differences arise among brethren as to the understanding of any point of truth, there is one Bible rule to follow. In the spirit of meekness and love for God and one another, let brethren come together, and after earnest prayer, with sincere desire to know God's will, study the Bible with the spirit of a little child, to see how closely they can draw together and not sacrifice anything but their selfish dignity. They should regard themselves as in the presence of the whole universe of God, who are watching with intense interest as brother tries to see eye to eye with brother, to understand the words of Christ, that they may be doers of the word, and not hearers only" (Ellen White, 1888 Materials 1008).

### **Reflect**

- *What individuals do you feel a need to forgive or apologize too and how can you go about it?*
- *In what ways can you be a peacemaker in your own church, helping members humble their hearts, apologize to and forgive one another?*

**Because Jesus wants to come soon, let's pursue unity, forgive each other and make wrongs right!**

### **Pray**

*Dear Father, from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, make us one as You and Jesus are one, so the world may believe that You sent Jesus. Forgive us for our disunity and argumentative spirit. Forgive me for being critical, judgmental, and unforgiving. Be in me and let me be in You so that we all can be made one and the world can know You have loved them too.*

### **Learn More**

Grow in this area by exploring [Unity with God and All of Us](#).

## **The Work Will be Finished by Making Disciples**

### ***Consider***

“All authority has been given to Me in heaven and earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you” (Matthew 28:18-20).

“And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also” (2 Timothy 2:2).

“In laboring where there are some already in the faith, the minister should at first seek not so much to convert unbelievers as to secure his army of workers. Let him labor for the members of the church individually, seeking to arouse them to gain a deeper experience themselves, and to work for others. When the members of the church are prepared to sustain the minister by their prayers and labors, greater success will attend his efforts” (Gospel Workers, 196).

“The greatest help that can be given our people is to teach them to work for God, and to depend on Him, not on the ministers. Let them learn to work as Christ worked. Let them join His army of workers and do faithful service for Him” (Testimonies Volume 7, 19).

“In gaining a preparation for the ministry, young men should be associated with older ministers. Those who have gained an experience in active service are to take young, inexperienced workers with them into the harvest-field, teaching them how to labor successfully for the conversion of souls. Kindly and affectionately these older workers are to help the younger ones to prepare for the work to which the Lord may call them. And the young men in training should respect the counsel of their instructors, honoring their devotion, and remembering that their years of labor have given them wisdom” (Acts of the Apostles, 204).

“In all fields, nigh and afar off, men will be called from the plow and from the more common commercial business vocations that largely occupy the mind, and will be educated in connection with men of experience. As they learn to labor effectively, they will proclaim the truth with power. Through most wonderful workings of divine providence, mountains of difficulty will be removed, and cast into the sea. The message that means so much to the dwellers upon the earth will be heard and understood. Men will know what is truth. Onward and still onward the work will advance, until the whole earth shall have been warned; and then shall the end come” (Christian Service, 24).

### ***Reflect***

- *Which of the Gospels will you begin reading to understand more clearly what it means to be a disciple of Jesus and to make disciples like Jesus?*
- *What will you do to learn more from others who are highly effective in areas of evangelism, disciple-making, leadership, or other qualities you need?*
- *Who can you deliberately disciple, passing on to them what you know as Jesus did?*

**Because Jesus wants to come soon, let's learn more what it means to be a disciple and to make disciples, following our Master!**

**Pray**

*Master and Lord, thank You for calling me to follow You. I am so unworthy, but you have promised to never lead me, but to always lead me into all truth. Please give me a humble and teachable spirit. You have promised that You have all authority, so I go forward in faith to make disciples of all nations starting with those who are closest to me, but with an eye for the ends of the earth. Help me to mentor others, equipping them as You did Your disciples. Multiply the work so that You can return soon.*

**Learn More**

Grow in this area by exploring [Treasure Chest Stories](#), three sets of disciple-making materials available at ASAP Ministries. See also [Grow](#), and [Making Disciples 101](#).

## **The Work Will be Finished as God's People Raise Up New Churches**

### ***Consider***

"How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach unless they are sent?" (Romans 10:14-15).

"I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase. So then neither he who plants is anything, nor he who waters, but God who gives the increase....For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field," (1 Corinthians 3:5-9).

"The church that is in their house" (Romans 16:5). "Aquila and Priscilla greet you heartily in the Lord, with the church that is in their house" (1 Corinthians 16:19). "The church that is in his house" (Colossians 4:15). "and to the church in your house: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ" (Philemon 2-3).

"Upon all who believe, God has placed the burden of raising up churches, for the express purpose of educating men and women to use their entrusted capabilities for the benefit of the world, employing the means He has lent for His glory. He has made human beings His stewards. Gladly and generously they are to use the means in their possession for the advancement of righteousness and truth. They are to employ His entrusted talents in building up His work and enlarging His kingdom" (Medical Ministry, 315).

"I saw jets of light shining from cities and villages, and from the high places and the low places of the earth. God's word was obeyed, and as a result there were memorials for Him in every city and village. His truth was proclaimed throughout the world" (Christian Service, 112).

"God calls for Christian families to go into communities that are in darkness and error, and work wisely and perseveringly for the Master. To answer this call requires self-sacrifice. While many are waiting to have every obstacle removed, souls are dying without hope and without God in the world. Many, very many, for the sake of worldly advantage, for the sake of acquiring scientific knowledge, will venture into pestilential regions and endure hardship and privation. Where are those who are willing to do this for the sake of telling others of the Saviour? Where are the men and women who will move into regions that are in need of the gospel, that they may point those in darkness to the Redeemer?"

If families would locate in the dark places of the earth, places where the people are enshrouded in spiritual gloom, and let the light of Christ's life shine out through them, a great work might be accomplished. Let them begin their work in a quiet, unobtrusive way, not drawing on the funds of the conference until the interest becomes so extensive that they cannot manage it without ministerial help" (Adventist Home, 480).

"Preach less, and educate more, by holding Bible-readings, and by praying with families and little companies. To all who are working with Christ I would say, Wherever you can gain access to the people by the fireside, improve your opportunity. Take your Bible, and open before them its great truths. Your success will not depend so much upon your knowledge and accomplishments, as upon your ability to find your way to the heart. By being social and coming close to the people, you may turn the current of their thoughts more readily than by the most able discourse. The presentation of Christ in the family, by the fireside, and in small gatherings in private houses, is



often more successful in winning souls to Jesus than are sermons delivered in the open air, to the moving throng, or even in halls or churches” (Gospel Workers, 193).

“The formation of small companies as a basis of Christian effort is a plan that has been presented before me by One who cannot err. If there is a large number in the church, let the members be formed into small companies, to work not only for the church members but for unbelievers also” (Evangelism, 115).

“Our ministers are not to spend their time laboring for those who have already accepted the truth. With Christ’s love burning in their hearts, they are to go forth to win sinners to the Saviour. Beside all waters they are to sow the seeds of truth. Place after place is to be visited; church after church is to be raised up. Those who take their stand for the truth are to be organized into churches, and then the minister is to pass on to other equally important fields” (Testimonies Volume 7, 19-20).

### **Reflect**

- *If you answered this call to help plant churches, what area near you especially needs an evangelistic small group?*
- *What countries or people groups especially need to have churches planted in them?*
- *Is God calling you to move to a new area to plant a church?*
- *What can you do to help your church become strong enough so that your pastor can focus on sharing with new people and starting a new church?*

**Because Jesus wants to come soon, let’s support church planting by our prayers, finances, and involvement!**

### **Pray**

*Lord of the nations, King of my life, please plant Your church in all the world. I want people of every city and village to have an easy opportunity to meet You through Your people. Forgive me for enjoying the fellowship of my church friends without sharing that joy with unbelievers. Help us to take the church to the world, to be truly salt and light, not a pile of fertilizer sitting unused. Give my church and me a heart to start new evangelistic small groups where the life of a church body can truly be lived as in the early church. Finish Your work unto the coming of Jesus.*

### **Learn More**

Grow more in this area by exploring [Gateway Adventist Centre](#), and [North America Division Evangelism Institute](#).

## **The Work Will be Finished as We Love People**

### ***Consider***

“By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another” (John 13:35).

“Then I looked, and behold, a Lamb standing on Mount Zion, and with Him one hundred and forty-four thousand, having His Father’s name written on their foreheads” (Revelation 14:1).

“They sing the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb” (Revelation 15:3).

“When the storm of persecution really breaks upon us, the true sheep will hear the true Shepherd’s voice. Self-denying efforts will be put forth to save the lost, and many who have strayed from the fold will come back to follow the great Shepherd. The people of God will draw together, and present to the enemy a united front....The love of Christ, the love of our brethren, will testify to the world that we have been with Jesus and learned of Him. Then will the message of the third angel swell to a loud cry, and the whole earth will be lightened with the glory of the Lord” (Evangelism, 693).

“‘When the fruit is brought forth, immediately he putteth in the sickle, because the harvest is come.’ Christ is waiting with longing desire for the manifestation of Himself in His church. When the character of Christ shall be perfectly reproduced in His people, then He will come to claim them as His own.

It is the privilege of every Christian not only to look for but to hasten the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, (2 Peter 3:12, margin). Were all who profess His name bearing fruit to His glory, how quickly the whole world would be sown with the seed of the gospel. Quickly the last great harvest would be ripened, and Christ would come to gather the precious grain.” (Christ’s Object Lessons, 69).

“The last rays of merciful light, the last message of mercy to be given to the world, is a revelation of His character of love. The children of God are to manifest His glory. In their own life and character they are to reveal what the grace of God has done for them.

The light of the Sun of Righteousness is to shine forth in good works—in words of truth and deeds of holiness....

The whole earth, wrapped as it is in the darkness of sin, and sorrow, and pain, is to be lighted with the knowledge of God’s love. From no sect, rank, or class of people is the light shining from heaven’s throne to be excluded.

The message of hope and mercy is to be carried to the ends of the earth. Whosoever will, may reach forth and take hold of God’s strength and make peace with Him, and he shall make peace. No longer are the heathen to be wrapped in midnight darkness. The gloom is to disappear before the bright beams of the Sun of Righteousness. The power of hell has been overcome.

In the great and measureless gift of the Holy Spirit are contained all of heaven’s resources. It is not because of any restriction on the part of God that the riches of His grace do not flow earthward to men. If all were willing to receive, all would become filled with His Spirit.

It is the privilege of every soul to be a living channel through which God can communicate to the world the treasures of His grace, the unsearchable riches of Christ.

There is nothing that Christ desires so much as agents who will represent to the world His Spirit and character. There is nothing that the world needs so much as the manifestation through

humanity of the Saviour's love. All heaven is waiting for channels through which can be poured the holy oil to be a joy and blessing to human hearts" (Christ's Object Lessons, 415-419).

"The world needs today what it needed nineteen hundred years ago--a revelation of Christ. A great work of reform is demanded, and it is only through the grace of Christ that the work of restoration, physical, mental, and spiritual, can be accomplished.

Christ's method alone will give true success in reaching the people. The Saviour mingled with men as one who desired their good. He showed His sympathy for them, ministered to their needs, and won their confidence. Then He bade them, 'Follow Me.'

There is need of coming close to the people by personal effort. If less time were given to sermonizing, and more time were spent in personal ministry, greater results would be seen. The poor are to be relieved, the sick cared for, the sorrowing and the bereaved comforted, the ignorant instructed, the inexperienced counseled. We are to weep with those that weep, and rejoice with those that rejoice.

Accompanied by the power of persuasion, the power of prayer, the power of the love of God, this work will not, cannot, be without fruit" (Ministry of Healing, 143).

### **Reflect**

- *Are you daily asking God for more love for those around you?*
- *In what ways could you more actively demonstrate Jesus' love to your family, your neighbors, your church, and others you meet?*

**Because Jesus wants to come soon, let's believe God's promises and plead for more love in all our relationships!**

### **Pray**

*God, You are love, and You have promised that everyone who is born of God will love like You. I confess that so often I am very unloving. Selfishness is at my core. I choose to believe that through Jesus' death You have found a way to crucify my selfishness and make me a new creature. Pour Your love into my heart and life through the Holy Spirit as You promised (Romans 5:5). Let the world see through me, and through my church, that You are love and that You create love wherever You go.*

### **Learn More**

Grow in this area by exploring ministries that help us remove the things that block love like: [Forgive to Live](#), [Straight 2 the Heart Ministries](#), and [A Multitude of Counselors](#).

## **The Work Will be Finished by Healing and Restoring Ministry**

### ***Consider***

“Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me....inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me” (Matthew 25:34-36, 40).

“Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned. And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover” (Mark 16:15-18).

“But the Lord will arise over you, and His glory will be seen upon you. The Gentiles shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising. You shall see and become radiant, and your heart shall swell with joy; because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you, the wealth of the Gentiles shall come to you. And they shall proclaim the praises of the Lord” (Isaiah 60:1-3, 5-6).

“Is this not the fast that I have chosen: to loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens, to let the oppressed go free, and that you break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and that you bring to your house the poor who are cast out; when you see the naked, that you cover him, and not hide yourself from your own flesh? Then your light shall break forth like the morning, your healing shall spring forth speedily, and your righteousness shall go before you; the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard” (Isaiah 58:6-8).

“These are the ones who follow the Lamb wherever He goes” (Revelation 14:5).

“Search heaven and earth, and there is no truth revealed more powerful than that which is made manifest in works of mercy to those who need our sympathy and aid. This is the truth as it is in Jesus. When those who profess the name of Christ shall practice the principles of the golden rule, the same power will attend the gospel as in apostolic times” (Thoughts from the Mount of Blessings, 137).

“Truth must be presented in regions beyond your immediate work, where the truth is unknown. The work specified in Isaiah 58:9-13 must be done” (Manuscript Releases, Volume 10, 296).

“The whole of the fifty-eighth chapter of Isaiah is to be regarded as a message for this time, to be given over and over again” (Welfare Ministry, 29).

“The fifty-eighth chapter of Isaiah contains present truth for the people of God. Here we see how medical missionary work and the gospel ministry are to be bound together as the message is given to the world. Upon those who keep the Sabbath of the Lord is laid the responsibility of doing a work of mercy and benevolence. Medical missionary work is to be bound up with the message, and sealed with the seal of God” (Evangelism, 516).

“The work specified in these words [Isaiah 58] is the work God requires His people to do. It is a work of God’s own appointment. With the work of advocating the commandments of God and repairing the breach that has been made in the law of God, we are to mingle compassion for suffering humanity. We are to show supreme love to God; we are to exalt His memorial, which has been trodden down by unholy feet; and with this we are to manifest mercy, benevolence, and the tenderest pity for the fallen race. ‘Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.’ As a people we must take hold of this work. Love revealed for suffering humanity gives significance and power to the truth” (Welfare Ministry, 32).

“Medical missionary work is the pioneer work of the gospel, the door through which the truth for this time is to find entrance to many homes. God’s people are to be genuine medical missionaries, for they are to learn to minister to the needs of both soul and body. The purest unselfishness is to be shown by our workers as, with the knowledge and experience gained by practical work, they go out to give treatments to the sick. As they go from house to house they will find access to many hearts. Many will be reached who otherwise never would have heard the gospel message. A demonstration of the principles of health reform will do much toward removing prejudice against our evangelical work. The Great Physician, the originator of medical missionary work, will bless all who thus seek to impart the truth for this time.

Physical healing is bound up with the gospel commission” (Counsels on Health, 497).

“The health reform is as closely related to the third angel’s message as the arm to the body; but the arm cannot take the place of the body. The proclamation of the third angel’s message, the commandments of God and the testimony of Jesus, is the burden of our work. The message is to be proclaimed with a loud cry, and is to go to the whole world. The presentation of health principles must be united with this message, but must not in any case be independent of it, or in any way take the place of it. . . . There must be a well-balanced, symmetrical development of the work in all its parts” (Colporteur Ministry, 138).

### **Reflect**

- *What is God calling you to do to help the poor, the sick, the emotionally troubled, the foreigner, the orphan, the widow, or others in desperate need?*
- *How can you learn more about physical and emotional healing so that you can better help others?*

**Because Jesus wants to come soon, let’s plead for deeper healing for us and those around us.**

### **Pray**

*Dear Great Physician, thank You for caring about our pain, our poverty, and our sicknesses. Nothing is too little for You to take interest in. Please bring healing, help, and hope to my family, my church, and to me. Make us a powerful channel of Your healing power and helpfulness to every person possible. Show Your love in thousands of tangible ways through us until the world can know that You truly are love.*

### **Learn More**

Grow in this area by exploring [Isaiah 58 and the World’s Heartaches](#), [ASAP Ministries](#), and various [health ministries training programs](#).

## **The Work Will be Finished by Training Young People**

### ***Consider***

“All authority has been given to Me in heaven and earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, *teaching them to observe* all things that I have commanded you” (Matthew 28:18-20).

“But we were gentle among you, just as a nursing mother cherishes her own children. So, affectionately longing for you, were pleased to impart to you not only the gospel of God, but also our own lives, because you had become dear to us....as you know how we exhorted, and comforted, and charged every one of you, as a father does his own children, that you would walk worthy of God who calls you into His own kingdom and glory” (1 Thessalonians 2:7-8, 11-12).

“With such an army of workers as our youth, rightly trained, might furnish, how soon the message of a crucified, risen, and soon-coming Saviour might be carried to the whole world! How soon might the end come—the end of suffering and sorrow and sin!” (Education, 271).

“God’s purpose has been made known, that our people should have an opportunity to study the sciences and at the same time to learn the requirements of His word. Biblical lectures should be given; the study of the Scriptures should have the first place in our system of education” (Testimonies, Volume 5, 21).

“The church is organized for service; and in a life of service to Christ, connection with the church is one of the first steps. Loyalty to Christ demands the faithful performance of church duties. This is an important part of one’s training; and in a church imbued with the Master’s life, it will lead directly to effort for the world without.

There are many lines in which the youth can find opportunity for helpful effort. Let them organize into bands for Christian service, and the co-operation will prove an assistance and an encouragement. Parents and teachers, by taking an interest in the work of the young people, will be able to give them the benefit of their own larger experience, and can help them to make their efforts effective for good” (Education, 268-269).

“Above any other agency, service for Christ’s sake in the little things of everyday experience has power to mold the character and to direct the life into lines of unselfish ministry. To awaken this spirit, to encourage and rightly to direct it, is the parents’ and the teacher’s work. No more important work could be committed to them. The spirit of ministry is the spirit of heaven, and with every effort to develop and encourage it angels will co-operate” (Child Guidance, 296).

“In this work, as in every other, skill is gained in the work itself. It is by training in the common duties of life and in ministry to the needy and suffering, that efficiency is assured. Without this the best-meant efforts are often useless and even harmful. It is in the water, not on the land, that men learn to swim” (Education, 268).

“The usefulness learned on the school farm is the very education that is most essential for those who go out as missionaries to many foreign fields. If this training is given with the glory of God in view, great results will be seen. No work will be more effectual than that done by those who, having obtained an education in practical life, go forth to mission fields with the message of truth, prepared to instruct as they have been instructed. The knowledge they have obtained in

the tilling of the soil and other lines of manual work, and which they carry with them to their fields of labor, will make them a blessing even in heathen lands” (Counsels to Parents, Teachers, and Students, 534).

“The most effective way to teach the heathen who know not God is through His works. In this way, far more readily than by any other method, they can be made to realize the difference between their idols, the works of their own hands, and the true God, the Maker of heaven and earth. . . . There is a simplicity and purity in these lessons direct from nature that makes of the highest value to others besides the heathen. The children and youth, all classes of students, need the lessons to be derived from this source. In itself the beauty of nature leads the soul away from sin and worldly attractions, and toward purity, peace, and God” (Counsels to Parents, Teachers and Students, 186).

“Whether in foreign missions or in the home field, all missionaries, both men and women, will gain much more ready access to the people, and will find their usefulness greatly increased, if they are able to minister to the sick. Women who go as missionaries to heathen lands may thus find opportunity for giving the gospel to the women of those lands, when every other door of access is closed. All gospel workers should know how to give the simple treatments that do so much to relieve pain and remove disease” (Counsels on Health, 389).

“It is necessary to their complete education that students be given time to do missionary work—time to become acquainted with the spiritual needs of the families in the community around them. They should not be so loaded down with studies that they have no time to use the knowledge they have acquired. They should be encouraged to make earnest missionary effort” (Counsels to Parents, Teachers, and Students, 545).

### **Reflect**

- *What training do you need to become a more effective worker for the finishing of the Great Commission to the world?*
- *Which young people could you help train by mentoring them or helping to send them for training?*

**Because Jesus wants to come soon, let’s seek more training for ourselves, and train others in the things God has taught us!**

### **Pray**

*Rabbi, my Teacher, equip me to finish Your Great Commission. We have tried many methods and programs, but Your ways are always the best. Help me to sit at Your feet and learn by following in Your footsteps. Send the Holy Spirit to educate and empower me. Raise up many more homes, churches, and institutions to train an army of youth and adults to quickly finish Your work.*

### **Learn More**

Grow in this area by exploring various [evangelism training centers](#), [The Adventist Home Educator](#) and various [homeschool resources](#).