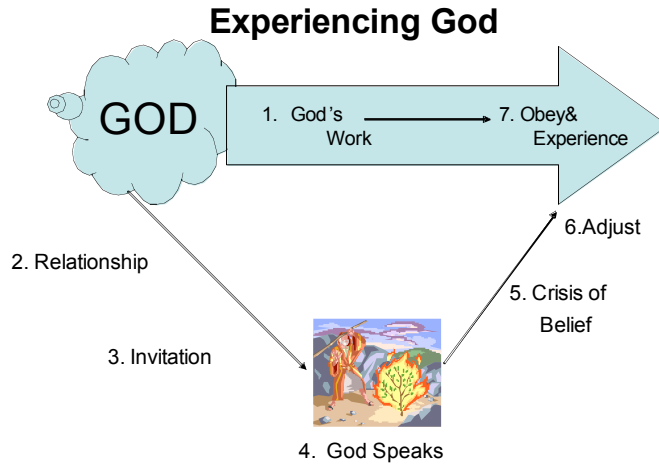


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John 17:22-23 "I have given them the glory You have given Me. May they be one as We are one. I am in them and You are in Me. May they be made completely one, so the world may know You have sent me and have loved them as You have loved me."



Seven reasons why we cannot remain silent!

1. Because **PEOPLE** without Christ are **ETERNALLY** lost.

a. God has a **PLAN** for your life. Gen. 1:27; Jn. 3:16,10:10; Rom. 6:23

b. Man has a **PROBLEM** in his life. **SIN**

- Sin has separated us from God: Genesis 3:1-12
- We are all sinners by nature and by choice: Romans 3:23
- Because of sin we deserve this eternal separation: Rom. 6:23(a), 2 Thessalonians 1:7-9; 2 Thessalonians 1:7-9
- We cannot save ourselves: Ephesians 2:8-9; Titus 3:5

c. God has a **PROVISION** for man's problem.

- Jesus is God and became man. John 1:1 & 14
- Jesus died for us on the cross. 1 Peter 3:18
- Jesus was resurrected from the dead. Romans 4:25
- Jesus is the one and only way to God. John 14:6; 1 Timothy 2:5-6

d. Man must **RESPOND** to God's provision.

- Man must **repent of their sin**. Luke 13:3b; Acts. 3:19; Acts. 26:20
- Man must **place their faith in Jesus**. Jn. 3:16b; Eph. 2:8; 2 Timothy 1:12
- Man must **surrender to Jesus as Lord**. Rom. 10:8-11; Matt. 10:32-33

2. Because the **SPIRIT** of God will not **STRIVE** with man forever.

Psalm 103:8-9 (NASB) "The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in lovingkindness. He will not always strive with us; nor will He keep His anger forever."

3. Because if we don't **TELL**, they won't **HEAR**.

Romans 10:13-15, 17 (NASB) "Whoever will call on the name of the Lord will be saved. How then will they call on Him in whom they have not believed? How will they believe in Him whom they have not heard? And how will they hear without a preacher? How will they preach unless they are sent? Just as it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news of good things! ... So faith *comes* from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ."

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4. Because we are SAVED we are INDEBTED.

Romans 1:14-15 (NASB) "I am under obligation both to Greeks and to barbarians, both to the wise and to the foolish. Thus, for my part, I am eager to preach the gospel to you also who are in Rome."

5. Because KINGDOM business must be our first PRIORITY.

1 Timothy 2:1-4 (NASB) "First of all, then, I urge that supplication and prayers, intercessions and thanksgivings, be made on behalf of all men, ... This is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth."

6. Because we have been given the MINISTRY of RECONCILIATION.

2 Corinthians 5:18-20 (NIV) "All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: That God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them. And He has committed to us the message of reconciliation. We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us."

7. Because we are COMPELED by LOVE.

2 Corinthians 5:11 & 14 (NIV) "Since, then, we know what it is to fear the Lord, we try to persuade men ... For Christ's love compels us."

a. We love CHRIST so we OBEY.

Matthew 22:37-39 (NASB) "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the great and foremost commandment. The second is like it, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

b. We love OTHERS so we TELL.

Luke 14:23 (NASB) "And the master said to the slave, "Go out into the highways and along the hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled."

c. We love OURSELVES so we strive to fulfill our PURPOSE.

Matthew 28:18-20 (NASB) "All authority has been given to me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

Application:

1st: Do you have a personal relationship with God the Father through His Son Jesus Christ?

2nd: Do you have a confident assurance of that relationship?

3rd: Are you confident enough that you are able to share with others the hope that you have in Jesus Christ?

4th: Does your desire to please Christ lead you to participate in the ministry of reconciliation?

5th: Do you remain silent when you should be telling others about the love of Jesus Christ?

6th: What have you learned through this lesson?

7th: What action will you take this week to put into practice what you have learned today?

Memory verse: John 20:21 "Jesus said to them again, "Peace to you! As the Father has sent me, I also send you."