Act Now

Greg Kline · Acts 16:25–34

INTRODUCTION

- Without Jesus, we have no hope.
- Then he brought them out and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved?

1 The Time for Us to Act Is Now

2 Corinthians 5:10; James 4:13–14; John 12:48

- He needed salvation. Without it, he was lost. The time to act was now. And I want to suggest this morning that the time for us to act is now.
- I don't care how old you are, where you've been, or where you think you're going, we have no assurances of how much time we have left.
- The jailer obeyed immediately because he understood both what he needed and what he must do.
- Our life is but a vapor. We don't know how long it will go.
- We know the words that will judge us are the words of Christ.

2 We Know We Need God

Genesis 1:1; Romans 5:6–9

- In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.
- But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.
- Our hope without Jesus is nothing. Jesus gave us everything. When are we going to return what is due to Him?

3 A True Faith Works

James 2:14–26

- So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.
- If faith without works is dead, it's because that faith is not based in truth.
- You see that a person is justified by works and not by faith alone.
- A true faith works. A faith that saves is a faith that obeys.

4 Who Are We Willing to Lose?

Matthew 5:14–16

- Who are we willing to lose? Whose soul are we willing to let go of?
- Our faith impacts others. And do you know when that happens? Today? Now,.
- Our faith is to be what, according to Matthew chapter 5? A light unto the world.

5 Who Are You Unwilling to Win?

1 Corinthians 15:3–4; 1 Corinthians 15:17

- That's where we are without Jesus. But here's the rub. That's where everyone is without Jesus.
- But here's a stronger question for you. Who are you unwilling to win?
- Those aren't numbers, brothers and sisters. Those are souls.
- It's not just about your soul. It's about the souls of others.
- We must act now. Now is the time to save souls, because this is the time that we have.

6 How Can I Maintain My Zeal?

Romans 5; Jeremiah 31:34

- First of all, do what we did this morning. Remember what God has done for you.
- Each and every day we need the grace of God.
- The second thing is to remember the urgency of obeying the gospel. That applies to ourselves and others.
- To act now, in short, we must remember what has been done.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **But act now. Act now while we can, while the moment is here, and touch as many others as you can.**

MY NOTES