

Resurrection Life of Jesus Church

BLOW THE TRUMPET IN ZION

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PART 3B: WHY DOES MAN REJECT THE CALL OF GOD?

JESUS EXPLAINED THE POLICIES OF GOD

- Jesus first spoke to the multitudes. **Matthew 13:1-9**
- His disciples asked Jesus why he spoke to them in parables and not in a way that they could understand. **verse 10**
- Because the people of Israel had rejected God and refused to listen to Him, God hardened their hearts. **verses 12-15**
- God opened the eyes of the apostles and the remainder of the 120 followers, not because they were better than the rest of the people in Israel, but by grace. **verses 16-17**
- This is the same grace given to all people who are born again; we are plucked out of a rebellious and obnoxious race of people on this earth and given the great chance to be saved. **Ephesians 2:1-10**

JESUS STATED HOW FEW WILL MAKE IT

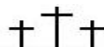
- In the following verses, Jesus teaches that even if some people have the understanding, it does not mean that they will be saved. Many people are snared by events in the world, they would like to have Jesus, but they are not willing to give up the world, repent and be saved. **verses 18-22**
- Then Jesus gives us insight into the percentage of people who are born again but not totally on fire. **verse 23**

GOD KNOWS THAT FEW PEOPLE WILL BE SAVED

God knew before the creation that even though He had a magnificent rescue plan for the human race, there would be few takers compared to the number of people that will line up with the Devil. **Matthew 7:13-29**

IF FEW PEOPLE WILL RESPOND, WHY SHOULD WE WITNESS?

- This is a question that has been raised generation after generation since Jesus walked on the earth. I can only give you my personal answer: I was born a sinner and headed for hell. In my family, my grandmother and two of her daughters were born again; they witnessed to me and prayed for me. God also placed a Pentecostal pastor in my life from the age of three to five. He took time to explain about heaven to a little boy. God placed Sunday school teachers and men leading Christian boys' programs who gave me a hunger for Him. Before I arrived in America, God activated men and women in the



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United States that gave to the ministry of Billy Graham, so he could buy time on the radio and television where God met me in 1965, confronted me with the Gospel, drew me to His side and gloriously saved me. If these people, including evangelist Billy Graham, would had been discouraged and given up on evangelism, I would be dead or continuing my way to hell.

- GOD NEVER TOLD US WHO WOULD BE SAVED, HE JUST TOLD US TO GO OUT AND TELL THE GOOD NEWS, AND HE WILL SAVE THOSE WHOM HE WILL! I AM ONE OF THEM, AND FOR THIS, I PRAISE GOD DAY AND NIGHT. HOW ABOUT YOU? Luke 10:1-3; Matthew 28:18-20**
- Without knowledge, people will perish. **Hosea 4-6**
- Knowledge only comes if someone is sent. **Romans 10:14-17**

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DO YOU HAVE AN EAR TO HEAR WITH?