

## An Interesting Thought!

It's a sad fact today that there are very few Christians in this country. What is even worse is that there are people who think that because they live next door to a church, that it makes them a Christian. There are others that believe because you are a "good person" that you will get to Heaven. What's more, things are getting worse.

As Christians we are meant to go to all nations to heal the sick, raise the dead, preach the good news, cast out demons and cleanse those with leprosy. How many Christians do you know who do any of these things?

As Christians we are meant to have the Holy Spirit in our lives, as confirmation that we are His children. How many Christians have never heard of it, or experienced first-hand what it can do?

If no-one makes an effort, nothing will change. How do you glorify God in your life? What do you do for the Father who loves you so much that he sent his Son to die for you?

We are not condemning you, we are trying to get you to wake up and see what is going on around you. Good deeds don't get you into Heaven, you have to have accepted Christ into your life. You are not obliged to do these things, because we all have free will. But is sitting back and doing nothing showing your love? Most Christians are taught that you sit in the pew every Sunday, say a few prayers, sing a few songs, and let the duly delegated leaders do all the work. Christ NEVER intended this. He taught His disciples to obey everything he had commanded them to do, and get this. He commanded them to make disciples of all nations. Disciples follow their leaders example, they don't just sit and watch! If you don't believe me, then you'd better start reading your Bible. For some examples, read Matthew 10, verses 1 to 10, or Matthew 28, verses 16 to 20, Luke 10, verses 1 to 4 and 17 to 20.

Be wary in your Christian life. There are people who would try and get you to fit into the pew-warming brigade, and churches that won't let the Holy Spirit do it's work. But no-one said being a Christian was easy did they? Jesus refused to conform to society, so why should we?!

This may have come across as "heavy", if you know what we mean. This wasn't supposed to be the case. It's time Christians got out there and did what they are commanded to do. If you read the end of the second chapter of Acts, you can see what happens when disciples do as the Lord commands. The church grows, not shrinks, which brings us back to the start of this thought.