Opening Statement: We will take a break this week from our series on subject, "*Roamin' through Romans...*"

Something must be **wrong** in the world rather than with the world!

The apostle John, who spoke of not loving the world, defines his terms in 1 John 2:15 when he said,

1 John 2:15-17 (NKJV)

¹⁵ Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

¹⁶ For all that *is* in the world--the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life--is not of the Father but is of the world.

¹⁷ And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.

This morning, I want to preach on the subject: "America for Christ"

Scripture Reading: <u>Matt. 9:35-38;</u> NKJV

Introduction:

I want to make a couple of pertinent observations and then I'll come back to our text for the main lesson...

I. OUR COMPELLING NEEDS.

1. Spiritual needs, Rom. 10:1-4...

- 2. Moral and social needs...
- II. OUR CRITICAL ISSUES.

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1. National welfare, Ps. 33:12; Prov. 14:34...

A nation's strength is in its relationship to God...

History teaches us that nineteen of the 21 prominent civilizations fell because of the evaporation of *faith* rather than military weakness...

2. World leadership...

The world is looking to America for moral and spiritual leadership...

We need another man like Ronald Reagan to lead us!

3. Missionary effectiveness...

My last point is really what I want to come to!

Let's go back to our text and we will see three things there should teach us how to reach "*America for Christ*!"

III. OUR CHRISTIAN RESPONSE, Matt. 9:35-38.

The response of Jesus suggests the response needed today...

Notice 3 things that should make up our "response:"

1. *Compassion*, <u>v. 36</u>...

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2. *Action*, <u>v. 35</u>.

Compassion must produce *action*...

Personnel is needed, <u>v. 37</u>...

3. *Prayer*, <u>v. 38</u>...

Compassion and action undergirded by prayer will produce the results needed to make America Christian...

Conclusion: Will you join the Lord in winning America for Christ?

Will you become and "armed citizen?"

What do I mean by "armed?"

Armed with Compassion, Action and Prayer!

We also need to be "armed" with our "voting power" to say, "Enough is enough!"

If you need to get something in your life right with God, please come now and pray! Do not wait!

Invitation Hymn: (Big) **#295** "*Revive Us Again*"

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