

2.26.24 Secret Service

This is pastor tim from Hazard First Baptist with Today's Good News.

At the end of the church service, the preacher was standing at the door as he does every Sunday to shake hands as parishioners departed. The preacher grabbed Jack by the hand and pulled him aside. The Pastor said to him, "You need to join the Army of the Lord Jack!" --Jack replied, "I'm already in the Army of the Lord, Pastor."

The Pastor questioned, "How come I don't see you except at Christmas and Easter?" Jack whispered back, "I'm in the secret service."

Well, I fear that there are many Christians that may be in the secret service for Christ. Many are CEO's when it comes to church attendance- Christmas and Easter only.

That few know of their faith, they long to have a status in the world, while at the same time have some desire to follow the Lord. And it is a struggle for them to decide. They often can be like human chameleons. They can talk and be involved on both sides of the fence.

However, the Apostle Paul writes in **Romans 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek.**

Paul says, I am not ashamed of the gospel. I am ready to preach it, share it, take a stand for it. I am not ashamed. For it is the power of God to salvation. The word Gospel means Good News.

We live in a world of constant bad news, spend 30 minutes watching the news each evening on TV and it won't be long until you are overwhelmed by the negative things that are happening in this world often leading to depression.

However, those that know the Lord Jesus should be people that are ready to be like the apostle-- in that they want others to know the Good News, that Jesus can change their lives, that He can take them off a road leading to destruction and place them on a road leading to everlasting life- and He provides this all - because of grace.

In closing, I gotta ask, are you in the secret service for the Lord? or do others know where you stand when it comes to the glorious gospel of Jesus Christ?

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