

Technically, the title of this article is not a true statement. God is perfectly capable of being Himself without our help. Jesus said in Jn. 5:26 that the Father has life in Himself. God is not dependent on any "outside" force or substance for His existence.

But God's work on earth is to be accomplished with the help of humans. The apostle Paul writes that we are God's fellow-workers, field, and building (1Cor. 3:9). In this way, God needs our help to carry out His will for humankind.

The preaching of the gospel to the lost will not be done by the angels or any world governmental organization. It is task of the church to declare the manifold wisdom of God (Eph. 3:10). As the old book title says, "Go ye, means go me" we are to share in Jesus' mission of seeking and saving the lost (Lk. 19:10), by taking the gospel to every creature (Mk. 16:15).

God needs you to ... (do the following in 2008).

1. ...be the very best disciple you can be (Lk. 9:23).
2. ...be the very best husband, father, wife, mother, grandparent, uncle, aunt, child, grandchild, niece or nephew that you can be (Eph. 6:1-4).
3. ...be in attendance to every scheduled worship service and Bible study of the church (Heb. 10:24,25).
4. ...be a participant in the various fellowship functions (Ac. 2:42).
5. ...be aware of and take your opportunities to share the gospel with the lost (Mt. 28:19,20).
6. ...be a good student and handler of God's word (2Tim. 2:15).
7. ...be aware of situations to help those physically in need (Gal. 6:10).
8. ...be a person of prayer (1Th. 5:16-18).
9. ...be gracious in giving regularly to support the various ministries of the body of Christ (2Cor. 8:3-6).
10. ...be faithful in living up to the talents and abilities that He has given each one for building up the body of Christ (Rom. 12:6-8; Eph. 4:11-16).
11. ...be faithful unto death enduring suffering, hardship, and persecution (1Pet. 2:21; Rev. 2:10).

God needs you! How are you going to respond?

See you Sunday! -gls