

## “PROCLAMATION POWER”

Luke 24:45–48

### PATTERNS

*Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—His good, pleasing and perfect will.*

—Romans 12:2 (NIV)

- Do as **little** as you can
- Accumulate as **much** as you can
- Get away with **anything** you can, and
- Don’t **get caught**

### PROCLAMATION

#### What does it mean?

Announce officially or publicly, declare something one considers important with due emphasis, demonstrate or indicate clearly

Proclamation is not **just about speaking**, it’s also about **actions**.

#### What does the Bible say?

*We proclaim Him, admonishing every man and teaching every man with all wisdom, so that we may present every man complete in Christ.*

—Colossians 1:28

*But you are A CHOSEN RACE, A royal PRIESTHOOD, A HOLY NATION, A PEOPLE FOR [God’s] OWN POSSESSION, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light...*

—1 Peter 2:9

*...what we have seen and heard we proclaim to you also, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father, and with His Son Jesus Christ.*

—1 John 1:3

Jesus gave us a **plan for proclamation**.

*Then He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, and He said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ would suffer and rise again from the dead the third day, and that repentance for forgiveness of sins would be proclaimed in His name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. “You are witnesses of these things.”*

—Luke 24:45-48

*but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth.”*

—Acts 1:8

## WHAT, WHERE, HOW, WHO

What is the message?

### **Repentance and forgiveness of sins**

We proclaim the:

- **Acceptableness** of repentance
- **Motives** for repentance
- **Repentance** as a lifestyle

*He who conceals his transgressions will not prosper, But he who confesses and forsakes {them} will find compassion.*

—Proverbs 28:13

It's a message for **all people**, at **all times**.

God's forgiveness is **final** and **irreversible**.

“We must believe that God's mercy is boundless, free, and through Jesus Christ our Lord, available to us now in our present situation.”

—A.W. Tozer

The message is not **complex**.

“What makes you think that God is more pleased with your good deeds than He is with His blessed Son?”

—Martin Luther

Where to begin: **Jerusalem** (at **home**)

- It was where the events **took place**.
- We're **not tempted** to begin at **home**.
- It's where some work has **already been done**.
- It's where you may expect **opposition**.

How

In Christ's **name** and on His **authority**.

“We are miracle-workers: He endows us with his power if in faith we tell out his gospel. All of you who try to speak the gospel may do it without fear of failure; for the power lies in the gospel and in the Spirit who goes with it, not in the preacher or in the sinner.”

—Charles Spurgeon

## Who

Big **Guns** or little **shots**?

*...and you shall be my witnesses*

—Acts 1:8

Who are you? Have you been a witness to these things?

## APPLICATION

When it comes to breaking out of the patterns of this world and being transformed by God...

How does proclamation of repentance for forgiveness of sins affect your everyday life? Does it change your work, your service, your ministry? Does it get you off the bench and actively involved?

How does proclamation of repentance for forgiveness of sins affect your accumulation? Does it change what you value? Does it change WHAT is important for you to gather up for yourself?

How does proclamation of repentance for forgiveness of sins affect “getting away with anything”? What affect does it have on your integrity? Does it change WHO is important to you?

## REMEMBER

“The gospel is the voice of the eternal God, and has in it the same power as that which brought the world out of nothing, and which shall raise the dead from their graves at the coming of the Son of Man.”

—Charles Spurgeon

**There is power in proclamation!**

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