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“Finishing the Unfinished Mission of Christ” (Part 1)  
Acts 1:1-3  
SERIES: Stretch Your Nets (Acts) – #4

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**Introduction**    
Our perspective on Christ’s mission is so important. We have been called to be part of finishing the unfinished mission of Christ. It is a sobering thought that THE MASTER has called believers to finish His unfinished mission.

**The finished work of Christ:**

* Jesus on the cross, “It is finished”.
* *“I have finished the work which you have called me to do.”* -- John 17:4

Jesus completed the work of redemption.  
Jesus’ work of salvation is a completed work.

**The unfinished mission of Christ:**

“*I wrote of all that Jesus BEGAN …”* -- Acts 1:1  
  
When the mission is finished, Christ will come again.

We are in a process of finishing the mission Christ began.

* Apostle Paul – Acts 20:23-24
* *“make the most of every opportunity”* -- Ephesians 5:16

**Reading: Acts 1:1-3**

**Finishing the Unfinished Mission of Christ**

**1. A Particular ………………………………. (v1-3)**

Jesus taught His disciples a particular message.  
  
You can never finish the mission of Christ unless you know the content of the message.  
  
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God never puts a premium on ignorance.  
  
Can you share the Gospel?

1 Peter 3:15

*“Study to show yourself approved unto God, a workman that needs not to be … ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth.” -- 2 Timothy 2:16*

**The focus is on the Gospel of Jesus Christ (Acts 1:3)**

1. **The Suffering Servant – “after he had suffered”**  
   Isaiah 53:4-5  
     
     
   Acts 8:35  
     
     
   Luke 24:25-27
2. **The Resurrected Christ – “he presented himself alive”**“*BUT GOD raised him from the dead…”* -- Acts 13:30  
     
   “And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless,   
   and your faith is useless” -- 1 Corinthians 15:14
3. **The Exalted Lord – “and spoke about the Kingdom of God”**  
     
   Matthew 6:33  
     
   Romans 14:17

Why do we have worldly Christians?  
  
Often because there is an ……………………………………………  
  
  
**2. A Personal ………………………………………….. (v3)**  
  
Jesus knew it wasn’t enough to just have information.  
  
John 20:19- 30  
  
  
  
  
1 Corinthians 15:5-7  
  
  
 **We cannot finish the unfinished mission of Christ …**

* … unless it flows out of a vital reality of Christ in our lives,
* … unless we're seeing and feeling and knowing and fellowshipping   
   and sharing with Jesus.
* You cannot be a second hand witness.
* You can't give somebody else's testimony.   
  You can't pass on Scripture that is irrelevant to you because you've never personally met Jesus Christ.

We don’t need to Physically “see” Jesus.

1 Peter 1:8

Is Jesus real to you?