



Open Arms Evangelistic Ministries



Reaching the World Through the Gospel of Jesus Christ

## *Lift Him Up!*

**We must come wholeheartedly to the realization that locations, buildings, programs, preachers, teachers, evangelists, singers, praise & worship teams, or even choirs cannot save the souls of men. These things are only instruments and by-products to the ultimate purpose of God for mankind. These things in themselves will lead men closer to religion than to a relationship with God.**

**No building has ever saved a man's soul but has only given him a place to feel God's presence and respond. No preacher, teacher, or evangelist has ever saved a man's soul but has only given the information needed to lead one to the Savior who could. No singer, praise & worship team, or choir has ever written any man's name in the Lamb's Book of Life but has only stirred the hearts of men to know Jesus who made it possible.**

**So what am I trying to say? I am saying something that men and women of good intention in the church for years have too often forgotten. Simply put, "It is ALL about Jesus" born, crucified, buried, risen, ascended, and interceding at the Father's right hand and soon coming again. It is Jesus, Jesus, and more Jesus! It's not about us, our things, or our plans. It's all about Jesus, His things, and His plans. The Scripture did not say if we be lifted up but that if He (Jesus) be lifted up. We must yield ourselves to the fact that we are the Plan but that Jesus is the Planner. As Jesus lived out our Father's will, so should we. How, you may ask? 1 Peter 2:21 says, "For even here were ye called; because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps." 1 John 2:6 says, "He that saith he abideth in Him (Jesus) ought himself also so to walk, ever as He walked."**

**Jesus was obedient to Mary, Joseph, and God. He prayed daily and often. Jesus loved others and taught them to love one another. He taught the Word, Way, and Will of God. Jesus was lead and guided by the Holy Spirit. He was full of forgiveness and mercy. Jesus healed, delivered, and comforted those around Him. He denied His will to do the Father's will. Jesus died that we could live and have a relationship with God.**

**Jesus said, "Take up thy cross and follow me." He showed us how to live, love, and serve God while serving others. One fact that must be noted is, "Jesus loves the church and so must we." Our focus must be Christ Jesus and His church. Not buildings, numbers, or programs, but people. Buildings fall down, numbers rise and fall, programs will fade, but the souls of men live forever. Let us not be guilty of the numbers game, but let us grow hungry for people who need Jesus.**

**All the instruments, by-products, and materials needed to serve and help people will be supplied by God if we will just follow Jesus and share Him with those we meet. Never forget, it is all about Jesus and not about us, our buildings, our numbers, our denomination, or any such thing. Where Jesus is not the Head and Lord, we get man-made results.**

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