



FRIEND AND PHYSICIAN

Jesus was always out with the needy people of different sorts. And one of the accusations of Pharisees and Sadducees was "Why ye eat and drink with publicans and sinners?" (Luke 5:30; 15:1-2). I liked to hear those accusations of the leaders of Israel people.

We make a great mistake as a evangelist or Pastor that we want people to come to us so that we can tell them the Good News of Jesus Christ. Some of us go little further and give invitation to attend certain seminars or gospel meetings and invite people to come to them by promising them of refreshments and the lunch and sometimes provision of one way transportation. We dwell on the satisfaction that we could reach out with the Gospel of Jesus Christ to multitudes.

But I liked the way Jesus was practicing to reach out people. He was least bothered about the opinion of his people of moving around and with the publicans and sinners in their sights.

Identification with the people is most important for ministers of the gospel. You can very effectively relate with the people and they receive you with the warmth of love when they see that you have crossed all the barriers to reach them out. I have learnt the same thing from my Lord by reading and knowing his method and followed that for the effective evangelism: 1) Go out and out to the people where they are. 2) Show the love of God by sharing the Word of God. 3) Pray for their needs by touching or laying your hands on them.

When you make yourself available to the needs of the people and be with them and pray for them and listen to them you become their friend. When you share their place and they share their heart with you.

Pharisees and Sadducees asked the question: "Why do ye eat and drink with publicans and sinners? (Luke 5:30), "Then drew near unto him all the publicans and sinners for to hear him. And the Pharisees and scribes murmured, saying, This man receiveth sinners, and eateth with them.(15:1-2). I liked the answer Jesus gave to them: "And Jesus answering said unto them, They that are whole need not a physicians: but they that are sick. I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance" (Luke 5:31=32).

Jesus had only three years time to let the people know the purpose of his coming and doing what he was doing for them. 1) He was **the Lamb of God** to be slain for the sin of this world, the perfect payment for our sins (John 1:29; Acts 10:38). 2) He would be **the Comforter, the Spirit of Truth,** who will be always in them (in us). (John 14:16-17).

Dear brother, let us continue to be out with the people and show them the **Lamb of God**, **Jesus Christ**, who took their sins upon Himself in order to receive them to Himself when they believe on Him and receive Him as their Savior and Lord. Let us teach them that **He is the Comforter**, the **Spirit of Truth**, who wants to lead and guide them in all truth, and be with them as their **Companion** throughout their lives!

May our good Lord continue to bless you. Prema and I love you so dearly and pray for you daily. Write us for we love to hear from you!

Remember <u>Jesus is Lord</u>, and <u>take with you the Word of God and Faith</u>, excellent traveling Companions. (Psalms 119:105; II Corinthians 5:7)

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- (Each Pastor needs US \$ 150 per month.)
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