

man's testimony. He gave his personal testimony. He told the results in his own life. He was not speaking of Christianity as something abstract and remote. He had personally experienced the regenerating word. The people to whom he spoke knew his life, they could see that his actions did not destroy the witness of his doctrine. The personal experiential character of his message entered into its success.

Another element in the success is seen in the words "published throughout the whole city." He did not confine his witness only to those whom he knew, nor to those who were curious or who gave signs of being apt to be responsive. He published it throughout the whole city. He counted no person hopeless. He spoke to all knowing that the Grace of God could change the most unresponsive.

Still more important as an element in the success of his work was the fact that he declared how great things Jesus had done unto him. He did not give a general message of social reform, of moral uplift, or of human brotherhood. His emphasis always was on the fact that the change which had occurred was the result of what Jesus had done. God honors the testimony of those who honor his son. Our only hope is based upon what Christ has done. Without him we would all be on the way to that eternal suffering which our sins so richly deserve. It is because He gave himself a ransom for many that there is hope for any of us. All mere human betterment, all mere educational or sociological improvement, important though it is, is as nothing in comparison with the importance of saving a soul from ever lasting death, of starting one on the path that leads to life eternal, through the atoning work of Christ. This is the center of all true Christian preaching. This is the source from which springs all Christian work that is really effective. This was the greatest element in the remarkable success of the witness of this man.

What a remarkable change occurred in Gadara as a result of the preaching of this man. We find the whole multitude of the country of the Gadarenes beseeching Christ to depart from them. They would have none of him. Their hearts were closed to him and to his message. At his next visit we find them gladly receiving him for