

far more important than trying to understand all the mysteries of God's Universe, some of which, of course, we never can understand. Everyone in this room, there is somebody in this world you could reach for Christ that nobody else could ~~xxxxx~~.reach. Everyone of us. And everyone has an obligation to do what you can to make Christ known. You may speak to somebody and they immediately turn to the Lord and rejoice in the wonder of it when that happens. But you may speak to someone many times and they turn a cold ear. And then maybe the 51st time they turn to Christ and rejoice in His salvation. God saves. We cannot save, but we are God's instruments to make Christ known and we are not to become weary in well-doing because God desires every Christian to be His instrument in spreading the Word of power of how men and women can be saved through the Lord Jesus Christ.

But now someone has said, When we turn to Christ we turn from our sin and we are immediately as if ~~we~~ we had never sinned; we are entirely justified. Jesus Christ bore all our sins on His cross-- our past, present, and future. Why then does God leave us here on earth? Why doesn't He ~~take~~ take us right to heaven? Why doesn't He? I think right here that an understanding of what the will of the Lord is, is tremendously important. To know why He leaves us here. I believe the answer ~~is~~ to this difficult and important question can be easily summarized by this statement: He leaves us here in order to make into His jewels; and he leaves us here in order to use us as His tools. I believe that in those two statements you can summarize God's purpose for the life of every Christian.

Let's look at the first of these: He leaves us here in order to make us into His jewels. We find this suggested in the