

## The Antagonist Forces of Mission Work: A Critical Review

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### Abstract

*Some of the best things in life that have to do with soul winning, evangelism and missions, are now sounding so unappealing to this our contemporary world. It seems that contemporary Christians have underrated their values, perhaps we may need to take stock of what are really important, in this journey of our Christianity. It is time to learn to walk in the spirit by obeying the word of God that says, we should reach out to the outermost world. There is a great need for individual Christian participation in the operation of rescuing the masses of humanity that are trapped in sins. Christian should not be deceived, the devil is not happy at their decision to oblige the reaching-out and even to carry out the Lord's commands. Satan using different schemes to manipulate issues in the life of men to gain control of them and then dominate the total affairs of their lives by intimidating its own living system into them, that which is totally against the will of God for man. This research paper considers the critical reviewing of literatures on antagonist (challenges and obstacles) that are facing the fulfillment of the mission work (Great Commission), thereby stating the suggested panacea of it. In the context of this study, six (6) related challenges and obstacles to mission work were identified and considered, namely, ignorance, church doctrinal differences, church members, spirit of anti-Christ, putting the word across and personal life of the messengers). Based on this study, it is proved that this challenges and obstacles to mission work can be avoided, by considering the implementation of the evangelism and adherent to.*

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### INTRODUCTION

We live in a time of great turmoil and confusion. Many are struggling to find purpose and peace. The world is suffering from moral and spiritual decay. There are so many conflicting and contentious voices and influences competing for our attention. We all have an important role to play in helping others find peace amid the confusion. Jun (1988, p. 93) wrote that "In these days of rapidly changing and highly advanced civilizations, people seem to enjoy affluence and happiness but inwardly they have lots of troubles and are struggling with distress. The explosive population surge has made the earth crowded. It is a tragedy that 75% of the world's population are non-Christian and people wander around and feel left out even among a crowd. What is more deplorable is that it is not easy to maintain intimate and meaningful relationships with others. Therefore, a sudden encounter with a stranger makes one fear because he might be a threat to his own life and dignity."

Prince (n.d.) wrote that "The challenge of the Gospel message is to so love God and neighbor that we change the less desirable aspects of ourselves and the world into the ideal that God had when he created the earth and all that dwells therein." Swensen (August 3, 2018) gave insight that "There has never been a better time to be alive and to be a member of the Church of Jesus Christ and doing the Great Commission"

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humanity that are trapped in sins and are on their way to the kingdom of darkness (the hell fire). Christian should not be deceived, the devil is not happy at their decision to oblige the reaching-out and even to carry out the Lord's commands. Satan rebelled against God his creator and has since been casted out of Heaven (the throne of God) and he (Satan) has made up his mind to trouble God (the creator) through us (God's creatures, called man). Satan knew that whenever he made man disobey God that usually troubles the heart of God. In carrying out the Great Commission, warrants obedience and diligence for the fulfilment of God's heart-beat in saving the mankind. Prince (n.d.) wrote that "We are living in a time when the battle between the kingdom of God and the kingdom of Satan is heating up as never before. This is because we are nearing the return of Christ—and the ultimate destruction of Satan's kingdom."

Semans (1974, p. 115) gave insight that "Man's fundamental problem is the moral and spiritual corruption of man's nature and the separation from God. Man does not live just to gratify his natural desires or to satisfy his desire for knowledge. Human beings are spiritually lost and need the redemption from God." Satan is having different plans or schemes been used to entrap or enslave and employ the mankind to disobey their God. Through this way Satan manipulate issues in the life of men to gain total control of them and then dominate the total affairs of their life by intimidating its own living system into them that which is totally against the will of God for man. Through these efforts, obstacles are mounting-up in the life of mankind after they have been entrapped and enslaved by satanic forces. This gives way to barrier between man and his God - the creator, which usually resulted to the creation of a conducive environment for the enemies to operate in their life.

Jun (1988, p. 93) in his own word explained that "Because the church is an organic body instead of a structural organization, without the Holy Spirit it cannot function as a church. The Holy Spirit is the one who ultimately gives the church spiritual vitality, keeps purity, makes volunteers and unity of fellowship possible, bestows the motive to evangelize and persuades a person to faith." Coleman (2020, p. 10) studied in detail "The whole evangelistic plan of the Lord" and wrote that "He talks of the eight steps taken by the Lord, which are selection, living together, devotion, delegation, modelling, commissioning, supervision, and regeneration." Kim (2000) commented on definition of on Personal Evangelism as "winning to Christ by a proclamation of the evangel, the good news of Christ. It carries the idea of the simple process of bringing to Christ; it speaks of the glorious work of bringing to discipleship, of the initial bringing into the Kingdom of Grace." (as cited in P. E. Burroughs (1934, p. 7).

Kabwe (2004, April 7) wrote that "This mission involves the proclamation of the good news (evangelism), the demonstration of the good news (social caring for God's people, the poor and needy) and the pursuit for peace (seeking to transform the unjust structures of society, struggle for justice in our society)". Sweazay (1981, p. 84) emphasized that "The greatest purpose of personal evangelism is to lead people to believe in Christ and to have a Christian life." And went further "repentance is what people need before anything else, to be born again. Repentance makes a new person, turns him into a new creature, and brings him from death to life. It is the work of the Holy Spirit and the complete transformation of his character. Repentance is the ultimate goal of evangelism" (p. 140).

According to McGavran (1979, pp. 21-24), "Church growth correlates directly to the faithfulness to God. Church growth is inevitable when believers show faithfulness in reaching out to those who are lost. It is not just recovering a lost person, but it is a work of restoration to make a person whole. Churches grow when Christians not only live exemplary lives in the society, but also live separated, holy and obedient lives, glorifying God." According to Wagner (1980, pp. 78-231), "a pastor with a progressive attitude using competent leadership will be a catalyst in mobilizing the church to do effective and productive works for growth. When there is a gathering of a similar class of people, evangelism becomes more effective. When the church puts its priority on evangelism in order to use effective evangelistic methods then the problem will be resolved."

Apostle Paul admonished the Christian at Ephesus in his letter to them in Ephesians 6:10-13 (Living Bible) "Last of all I want to remind you that your strength must come from the Lord's mighty power within you. Put on all of God's armour as that you will be able to stand safe against all strategies and tricks of Satan. For we are not fighting against people made of flesh and blood, but against persons without bodies, - the evil rulers of the unseen world, those mighty satanic beings and great evil princes

of darkness, who rule this world and against huge numbers of wicked spirit in the spirit-world. So use every piece of God's armour to resist the enemy whenever he attacks, and when it is all over, you will still be standing up."

## **HINDRANCES AND OBSTACLES TO MISSION WORK**

Some of the hindrances or obstacles to the reaching-out, to rescue the masses of humanity that are already trapped in the life of sins:

### **1. Ignorance**

The vocabulary.com dictionary wrote on ignorance that "The noun ignorance is not a synonym for "stupidity," since its meaning is closer to "being uninformed" than "being unintelligent." Ignorance implies that a person or group needs to be educated on a particular subject. You might have heard the phrase "ignorance is bliss," which means that sometimes it's easier when you don't know the whole truth about something and can be blissfully happy, unaware of unpleasant realities." Oxford Languages dictionary wrote on "what is ignorance according to the Bible" that "For ignorance is a privation of the knowledge that perfects reason, and reason prevents a sinful act insofar as it directs human acts. Note, however, that there are two sorts of knowledge in accord with which reason directs human acts, viz., universal knowledge and particular knowledge." Black (1979, pp. 672-673) noted that "In law, *ignorantia juris non excusat* (Latin for "ignorance of the law excuses not"), or *ignorantia legis neminem excusat* ("ignorance of law excuses no one"), is a legal principle holding that a person who is unaware of a law may not escape liability for violating that law merely by being unaware of its content."

Some people take it to be a mystery, to just believe on the word of God and then be saved (which is the Christian faith) just like that. The fool hath said in his heart, there is no God. They are corrupt; they have done abominable works, there is none that doeth good (Psalm 14:1). Some people never believe, there is someone called God and that He is the one who has created them. They are just living their life the way that best suit them; this could be as a result of their background of false-full religion (Atheism). Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves; who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the creator (Romans 1:24-25).

Churches nowadays do not know their roles for these last days that we are in. Majority of them are falsehood (Matthew 24:14) just creating kingdom around themselves, while the Christians in the churches, also do not even know their own roles as members of the congregation in the house of God (1 Timothy 4:1-3). They do know that there are consequent reward and punishment towards every word of God (either that that are obeyed or disobeyed).

The religious difference in the churches - some are still in the practice of Old Testament doctrines of the Mosaic dispensation and never take to the New Testament church life (the grace dispensation).

The eschatological analysis (the End-Time program) are not comprehended by some churches and individuals, so they are doubting it, while some even believed that the world will not come to an end, but it goes on. Rapture (the second coming) is nothing for them and they are full of self-righteousness, of which they believed, that will be their tickets to heaven, some believed in the simplicity of task in the Christian life, by cramming some Bible verses (the book of Psalms) as a spiritual weapon for their spiritual warfare against the satanic world. The purpose and the meaning of Pentecost is not known to many Christians and to the few that knew it they never believed in the fulfillment of the promised power of the Holy Spirit for reaching out (Acts 1:8).

### **2. Church Doctrinal Differences**

Crouch. (2020, March 9), wrote on "What is the purpose of church doctrine?" that "Doctrinal statements teach believers how to think about God and His redeeming work. Love, for example, as much as we long for it, is not discovered within ourselves. And it's not properly expressed according to our own thinking. The same is true for our understanding of an eternal God and His work in the world." He went further categorically stating eight (8) reasons churches need doctrinal statements: 1) Doctrinal statements connect the church to its historical Christian roots. 2) Doctrinal statements teach believers how to think about God and His redeeming work. 3) Doctrinal statements shape values and priorities of

daily church ministry. 4) Doctrinal statements develop lifestyle habits for individual Christians. 5) Doctrinal statements impress essential beliefs upon the next generation. 6) Doctrinal statements build a framework for unity among church members. 7) Doctrinal statements inform believers how to think and engage theologically in the public square. 8) Doctrinal statements clarify church beliefs for the general public. "What do you believe?"

Churches of this generation give different meaning to the word of God (Bible) so as to create their own doctrinal beliefs; they have modified the word to suit their own cases and vision. Some of them through this have turned themselves to god (hero to be worshiped) making their members to worship and fear them even more than God (their creator). Church founding leaders are only concerned and caring about their church attendance and membership of their people; they have no compassion or consideration towards their member's spiritual life, but they preach prosperity and breakthrough without a bit of holiness and righteousness. The dictatorship of the church founder and the so called general overseer in the church are alarming. "This is how I want it done and no more", "this is what I received and this is how I am going to do it", "You did not receive the visions together with me". They have totally put aside the Bible, but are just using their personal knowledge and awareness to run the church affairs. No adviser, but it's one man show or the family show.

Churches constitutions are being drafted for the people to get themselves adherent to. The constitutions have been taking to be of more importance than the Bible that supposed to be our guide (2 Timothy 3:16-17). Personality imitations are the order of the day to many churches. They wanted to do all the things that others are doing (even if it is biblically wrong) they just want to be where others are exactly standing or located. This is really some competitive activities which usually resulted in having more than ten Churches in a small area, whereas they supposed to have spread all over (keeping real distance from themselves).

Some areas are already being congested with churches, disturbing themselves with their loudspeakers that are mounted on their church roofs facing the direction of other churches. They are using their sophisticated equipment to disturb themselves. There is no cooperation among the churches, they are not ready to show a bit of humility, they are with a life of show-off, they wanted to prove to others that they are the best and the greatest. They boldly declare it that they did not believe in that, so they cannot do joint program, their leaders are very envious and full of egoism. No one is ready to surrender for the other; they all wanted to be the leader of leaders.

Christians are not ready to be the number two in their various churches, but the number one of their church (leader). So they keep on finding their way out of their church to start their own ministry (church), with no basic spiritual background, so they start the church without any planning (be it spiritual or physical) they preach heresies to the people instead of the good news. Even if they wanted to belong to the copy preacher's association, they will still fail concerning the word; all because there is no personal revelation, inspiration or illumination since the word of God is not their basis. (Luke 21:8).

### **3. Church Members**

The editor (2018, August 13) wrote on what is church membership in the Bible: "Church membership is implied in the biblical requirement of all Christians to be submitted to a group of church leaders, elders, or pastors. The New Testament commands individuals to submit to a specific group of leaders." The editor of *lifeway.com* (7 Nov 2022) went further to write on what is the importance of being a member of a church: "By joining a local church, each person is making a statement that they identify with a particular doctrinal position of who God is and what role His Word has in their life. It's there, within the body of the church, that they exercise the spiritual gifting they receive from God."

The sermon of Aspen Park Church (2019, October 9) stated that "what is expected from you as a member of the church: Loyalty- As a church member, you are expected to united together with others in spirituality and purpose. Commitment & Sacrifice- As a church member you are expected to have an attitude of devotion, both to the church and to fellow members." Members of the congregation are those who have been attending their churches for over a period of time, usually over six months, and they are well known to each other and may belong to various society or department within the church. They are full of various negative characters towards themselves - they do jealous themselves as some are closer

to the priest or pastor in-charge and even to the members of the highest ruling body of the church (i.e. to those at the helm of affairs and authority). They usually comment on others saying "is he the only one in the church to do this or that?" They too, keep on struggling for personal recognition in the church.

Some are narrow minded people that are full of hypocrisy in their hearts, they are the original doubters that are looking down on every other member (they are full of pride). People in the church go about gossiping around the church and this usually leads to destructive criticism among the members, even to the extent of always attacking themselves again and again in the church and not to think of what will happen outside the church activities. They are full of unforgiving spirit and even answering themselves that they can never forget, not to say forgive each other, but instead they keep on avoiding themselves, so how can the spirit of God gain access of them, for the reaching out process.

How dangerous are the church members from Monday through Saturday every week, they criticizing their pastor and on every Sunday they listen negatively as the preacher preaches out his heart, but they go home and have their favorite Sunday dinner - not any good and better food other than the waste preacher of the morning service. No wonder, the purpose of coming to the church by some members are of interior motives. They just want to be identified with the church and it is all for the material gain that the church can offer them. Remembering Achan (in the bible); what he did and how it all affected the grace and mercy of God. Just imagine the more havoc that might have happened to the Israelites, if there is no divine intervention in due time from God through his servant Joshua, as recorded in Joshua chapter 7.

#### **4. Spirit of Antichrist**

Lerner (2023, July 3) wrote on Antichrist (Christian View): Antichrist, the polar opposite and ultimate enemy of Christ. According to Christian tradition, he will reign terribly in the period prior to the Last Judgment. The term Antichrist first appeared in the Letters of John (1 John 2:18, 2:22, and 4:3; 2 John 1:7), and the fully developed story of Antichrist's life and reign is found in medieval texts. As applied to various individuals and institutions for nearly two millennia, Antichrist and precursor of Antichrist have been, and remain, terms of the most intense opprobrium. Bandy (2002) wrote "The Tribulation and Antichrist are two separate but interrelated concepts. Tribulation refers to any times of trouble or distress experienced by God's people, but it also refers to future intense period of Great Tribulation that will occur just prior to the return of Christ. The Antichrist refers to one who is satanically inspired and sets himself up as God. This spirit of the antichrist is a work an any false teaching that denies the deity of Christ or claims to be Christ, but also refers to a future Satanic earthly leader who will demand to be worshipped and will persecute God's people."

Peerbolte, Bert Jan et al (2018) wrote that: "In Christian eschatology, the Antichrist refers to people prophesied by the Bible to oppose Jesus Christ and substitute themselves in Christ's place before the second coming." Staples (n.d.) wrote that "The Antichrist will come with "the spirit or mind of the devil," deceiving many. Here's how to keep him from deceiving you. Before Christ's second coming the Church must pass through a final trial that will shake the faith of many believers . . . a religious deception offering men an apparent solution to their problems at the price of apostasy from the truth. The supreme religious deception is that of the Antichrist, a pseudo-messianism by which man glorifies himself in place of God and of his Messiah come in the flesh. The Antichrist's deception already begins to take shape in the world every time the claim is made to realize within history that messianic hope which can only be realized beyond history through the eschatological judgment (Catechism of the Catholic Church 675-676)."

Sometime, there are embargoes or banning of Christian programs by the men in the nation's power. In fact, the programs are even highly cost intensive to be carry out. There is embargo on a lot of Christian programs all over the world. Whenever churches are to occupy a land, there is an automatic delay in the issuance of the Certificate of Occupancy and even there is destruction of many church buildings along with the killing of Christians during anti-Christian religious riots. There is embargo on some Christian social services that up brings the Christians kids together. Christian schools were taken over by the governments and there are anti-Christian policies (Law and decrees) against Christian activities in the public schools.

There is destruction in the Christian values, due to the dressing character of our present day society. By so doing, the Christians are motivated to hatred. Which no resulted in the “life of it does not matter; our God deals with our heart”. Systematically, the Christians have started doing the same thing - worldliness and carnality in the church and outside the church - (among the Christian homes). The results of the worldwide political and economic tumults are that; Christians are one way or the others are off the track that leads to heaven. The major concluding words of so many Christians are “You have to do it that way that others are doing it, if you want to survive”. May God help us.

### **5. Putting The Word Across To Others**

Slattery (2005) suggested that "We need to deny ourselves, take up our cross each day and to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. There are ways the Gospel message must be lived to bear fruit in our lives and in the world. Slattery afflicts the comfortable and comforts the afflicted by challenging us to take that message to heart and to put it into practice every day." Ruiter (n.d.) emphasized that, "Many people assume sharing the gospel is only about trying to convert new people to Christianity. Ultimately, converting someone to Christianity is the work of the Holy Spirit. Spreading the gospel is a way for us to partner with the Holy Spirit in that work. But evangelism doesn't have to mean making your best sales pitch for Christianity to anyone who will listen. And drawing new believers isn't the only reason for sharing the gospel. Evangelism itself often has more to do with building relationships than building a case for Christianity. In fact, most evangelists look more like the neighbor who offers to shovel a snowy driveway than the street preacher who peddles salvation like a heavenly retirement plan."

The people that are still in tune with God (despite the entire antagonistic problem against the word of God), and are engaging in evangelism, mostly using the outdated methods (non-digital system). In-availability and inadequacy of the needed things has made them ~ to settle down for the modalities that they can embark on. There are many fake preachers that are preaching wrong gospel. Like some churches who are so used to going out to preach and are using the wrong medium for their preaching (that is) their cultural defects. Preaching the gospel in an un-conducive location (at a period) when the timing is even wrong. The wrong channels are used for the different audience of people e.g. preaching in front of mosque around 2 p.m. or 4 p.m. or even by the noon time on Fridays. People having wrong motives of reaching out with the gospel to others. Reaching out to different people have diverse motives, their life of egoism, usually reveals their pride and that some are doing it for doing sake, some take it as a vocation or the last result of endeavour in life (Philippians 1:14-18).

### **6. Personal Life of Messengers**

Abshire (2021, May 17) wrote that: God uses human instruments to spread the gospel, even the most unlikely. We learn that God delights in digging deep to the bottom of the barrel to draw out His messengers. He did so with many of us. He certainly did with Paul. In the first verse of Romans chapter 1, Paul describes himself with three designations: a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, and set apart for the gospel of God. These designations define his master, his role, and his purpose. Maybe, in seeing Paul, we might see ourselves.

Living one's life the way that suits one, (when it is outside the will of God) is a wrong thing. We have to come back to His (God) knowledge and do realize that Jesus Christ had since resurrected on the third day and now on the right hand of the father (John 3: 16). Some so called Christians are not yet saved (John 3:3) while some are already Born Again, but they have gone back to the world, they are no more doing the will of God (Backslidden). The two categories are in the church and can never be used of God unless they reconcile themselves back to their God (who is ever waiting for them to come back to Him).

Many are the Christians that are not living a prayerful life, so Satan (their adversary) used to overcome them easily. They are full of vision to work for God, but they cannot even pray for more than 30 minutes at a time and it's not even everyday affairs for them. Such Christians are not ready to be of use to God or even to be an over comer in their life and ministry. Some Christians do not give their time for the reading of the word of God (Bible! not to say that they will study and meditate on it. There is no real word of God inside of them, even if they want to fight back the enemy. They do not know what the

word of God says as regard whatever situation that they might find themselves. Their ignorance is of the fullest capacity in the things of the kingdom of God; so they easily become prey to the enemies.

The life of holiness is nothing to some people; it's just like a mystery for them to stay away from sins. "I beseech you therefore brethren, by the mercies of God that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world; but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good and acceptable, and perfect will of God." (Romans 12:1-2).

They are the people that are fond of saying that "it does not matter" and they try to use the word of God to suit them according to their ways of life and cannot do a bit of the will of God. They are full of self-righteousness, pretense and show-off. Not everyone that saith unto me, Lord, Lord shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but, he that doeth the will of my father which is in heaven (Matthew 7:21).

## CONCLUSION

Some of the best things in life that have to do with soul winning, evangelism and missions, are now sounding so unappealing to this our contemporary world. It seems that contemporary Christians have underrated their values, perhaps we may need to take stock of what are really important, in this journey of our Christianity. It is time to learn to walk in the spirit by obeying the word of God that says, we should reach out to the outermost world. There is a great need for individual Christian participation in the operation of rescuing the masses of humanity that are trapped in sins. God is looking for men and women, who have surrendered their lives to Him and who can, with life abandonment, focused on God alone, those that are yearning and actively desperate to bring about a change world and a truly just society of redeemed mankind.

The researcher is in support with Kabwe (2004, April 7), who gave insights on Evangelism as the panacea to the antagonistic moves against the mission works. He noted that "Evangelism is the heart beat of any healthy local church, in fact it is one of the marks of a living church. God commanded and mandated the followers of Christ to 'go and make disciples.'" Evangelism is a necessary integral component of the life of a church in relation to its mission in the world. There is one mission to the world that matters and that is God's continuous activity of caring for and reaching out into the whole world. Evangelism is an ordained instrument by which the unsaved will come to the saving knowledge of Christ Jesus. The apostle Paul says "How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them?" (Romans 10:14). Others cannot be saved if we do not preach or evangelize to them.

## RECOMMENDATION

1. On Ignorance: There should be proper awareness and training for people to be able to know and understand the meaning of Mission works and what is demanded of them as individual.
2. On Church Doctrinal Differences: Each denomination should be able to spell out and documented their own personal beliefs and make sure they were made available for every member and use it to train their people (periodically) to affirmed every member's knowledge of it and not to compromise.
3. On Church Membership: There must be standard training for becoming a member of a denomination and it should be in stages: 1) General church membership / congregational attendance of minimum of 6 months (to get them acquitted with the church doctrinal beliefs and operational system and there should be monitoring personnel). 2) Believer's class (for 1 year) for those that have spent between 6 – 12 months and have decided to embrace church membership; here they will be taught the biblical doctrines and Christian values and spiritual formation. 3) Worker's class (for 1-2 years) for those that have passed believers' class and have decided to become a church worker in God's vineyard. Workers' class is the advance class of believers' class and there will be much emphasis on the church's doctrinal beliefs. 4) Ministers' class (for 4 – 5 years of been a worker in the church. Here they will be exposed to leadership duties and responsibilities, in relating to the ministry.

4. On Spirit of Anti-Christ: The leadership of the church must be matured Christians, biblically sound, spiritually informed and balanced. Anyone admitted to the leadership team / council must be well known, trusted and tried. The leadership must be a no non-sense taking team that only follow and apply biblical principles on everything without prejudices.

5. On Putting The Word Across To Others: The people that the church will saddle with this responsibilities, must be the church workers (those who are born again, patriotic and prayerful Christians), because one of the elder's philosophy say, "you cannot give what you don't have to others" or "you cannot share with others what you have not personally experienced before." The church must employ the work of a professional to train and equip the workers on the issues of evangelism (especially of the contemporary methods of doing evangelism).

6. On Personal Life of Messengers: The message carrier is the one that has been entrusted with some special duty, responsibility. The person that has been given the power to act on behalf of another person. Jesus Christ has given out His power as He commissioned people to do some special task (reaching out with the good news). Some of the so called Christians are not yet saved (John 3:3) while some are already Born Again, but they have gone back to the world, they are no more doing the will of God (Backslidden). The two categories are in the church and can never be used of God unless they reconcile themselves back to God (who is ever waiting for them to come back to Him).

What can someone, who wants to carry the message do, if he or she did not even have any dealing with the sender. What will he or she preach, what can he or she testify as his or her experience with our Lord Jesus Christ. Obviously, Jesus Christ will not send any sinner, who has not repented of his sins; (the church goes) to go into the world for Him and began to preach. You cannot give out what you did not possess. So the church leadership must see to it that anyone that will join the evangelism team must be: 1) born again church member. 2) a worker in the church. 3) someone with sincere desire to know the truth. 4) someone willing to obey the truth, submitting to God's will. 5) someone willing to be helped and guided by God's spirit. 6) a complete acquaintance with the Bible itself

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