



“Mythbusters” Part 4
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“What a mess...What now?” = Headlines 9/30/08

Prayer #1: “God, as a Christian, how should I respond?”

Prayer #2: “God, please show me how to be a bright light for you in this moment.”

Matthew 5: 13-16 (NLT)

"You are the salt of the earth. But what good is salt if it has lost its flavor? Can you make it useful again? It will be thrown out and trampled underfoot as worthless. 14 You are the light of the world — like a city on a mountain, glowing in the night for all to see. 15 Don't hide your light under a basket! Instead, put it on a stand and let it shine for all. 16 In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father. "

***Important Truth: Yes, _____ as Christians we “shoot ourselves in the foot,” but most of the time we do our best to represent Christ with _____ and _____.**

Myth: “Christianity Doesn’t Care!”

Acts 2:1, 4, 6-7, 12-14 (NLT)

On the day of Pentecost, seven weeks after Jesus' resurrection, the believers were meeting together in one place. 4 And everyone present was filled with the Holy Spirit and began speaking in other languages, as the Holy Spirit gave them this ability. 6 When they heard this sound, they came running to see what it was all about, and they were bewildered to hear their own languages being spoken by the believers. 7 They were beside themselves with wonder. "How can this be?" they exclaimed. "These people are all from Galilee..." 12 They stood there amazed and perplexed. "What can this mean?" they asked each other. 13 But others in the crowd were mocking. "They're drunk, that's all!" they said. 14 Then Peter stepped forward with the eleven other apostles and shouted to the crowd, "Listen carefully, all of you, fellow Jews and residents of Jerusalem! Make no mistake about this."

*** Peter understood the _____ of Christ and that this (new) Christian church was on the line!**

1. A great _____.

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2. A great _____.

Acts 2: 37, 39 (NIV) When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" 39 "The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call."

3. A great _____.

Acts 2:16, 21 (NLT) "No, what you see this morning was predicted centuries ago by the prophet Joel ... 21 And anyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

4. A great _____.

John 16:33 (NLT) I have told you all this so that you may have peace in me. Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart, because I have overcome the world."

James 1:5 (NLT)

If you need wisdom — if you want to know what God wants you to do — ask him, and he will gladly tell you. He will not resent your asking.

Personal Action Steps

- **In times of fear, confusion and pain, how can I seize the moment, like Peter?**
- **What, hands-on, “missions” work have I recently engaged in?**