

Dear Christian,

Sadly in America, there is a great need for Christian Tracts. I don't mean tracts given to the unsaved to save them. I mean tracts given to the saved to *get them* to "go ye" to the unsaved.

Please prayerfully read this. I believe God wants to start a fire in each of us, and I believe revival will start once we stop talking about revival and go out and revive.

Jesus said to all the churches in Revelation, "I know Thy *works*." It is by grace we are saved, but the reason Jesus keeps us around afterwards is so we can work. I'm not saying quit going to church, but I am saying remember that church is not a means to an end, but a means to a beginning.

Put it in perspective. We will have all eternity to fellowship together. We will have all eternity for church services. Go out and pull someone from the fire today while we are still here. Let's admit we've been luke-warm and determine to do something about it. We need to cry out and call on God to set us on fire.

That is why I have decided to call the fire department.

## The 13 Firemen

A huge fire broke out in a high-rise apartment building. Hundreds were trapped inside, screaming to be freed. Finally, a fire truck, sirens blaring, pulled up to the scene. Anxious neighbors and onlookers gathered around and watched the firemen's every move.

Thirteen firemen got out, surveyed the blaze, and tried to decide how to best fight the fire.

**Fireman #1** wondered how the fire originated and what could have caused it. A crowd of onlookers gathered around him to discuss his theories, and he quickly went back to the station to prepare a presentation.

**Firemen #'s 2 and 3** argued about which was more harmful: the smoke or the fire. When they couldn't agree, they split up, and each decided to start his own fire company.

**Fireman #4** was so glad to be around the fellowship of the fire department that he forgot there was a fire.

**Fireman #5** went to inspect the water purity from the Fire hydrant to make sure it wasn't going to contaminate the high-rise. Unsatisfied, he drove off to the water plant to run some tests.

**Fireman #6** said, "We've got to be like them if we ever hope to reach them," so he struck a match, set himself on fire, and ran screaming into the building.

**Fireman #7** thought it was too rude to disturb the residents of the apartment. After all, they might be offended to be woken up from such a deep sleep.

**Fireman #8** figured that if he started swinging the hose, those in the building could see by his actions that he was a fireman, and know how to be saved.

**Fireman #9** went back to his truck to read over the fire fighting instructions and study notes from his last Fire Rescue class.

**Fireman #10** didn't see the point because he didn't believe in such a cruel thing as fire.

**Fireman #11** was about to head to the burning house when he suddenly realized that not all the firemen were from the same company. Disgusted, he left.

**Fireman #12** concluded that his presence would be enough to encourage those burning.

Finally, **The Fire Chief** said, "We should be prepared for when they get sick of the fire and want to come to us." He then began gathering materials to construct a plush carpeted, surround-sound, cozy little fire shelter.

Meanwhile, everyone in the building burned to death.

Friends, no true fireman would respond this way, and that's the point of this message: no true Christian should either!



**"Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life. And of some have compassion, making a difference: And others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire...." [Jude 21-23].**



Evangelism today is optional, but Jesus came to seek and “save that which was lost” (Matthew 18:11). Today’s Christians are too busy, too scared, too worldly, too ashamed, too blinded, too defeated, and too “blah” to obey the *command* of Mark 16:15 to “Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.”

Would any one of us sit comfortably in a fire shelter while hundreds of people burned to death outside the window?

I am not for the Ecumenical movement and this one-world religion, but I am for a unity of King James believers, a unity of Bible-believing Christians who no longer want to Holy Huddle until the Rapture.

Christians, let’s be honest here. Most of us take a far bolder stand for our sports heroes and american idols than we do for Jesus Christ. We will debate petty doctrinal issues, or argue about the Gap Theory until the rapture hits, but we won’t spend 5 minutes talking to our neighbors about Jesus Christ—and when we do, it’s often to prove to them we are right.

Christian, it’s time to fight. It’s time to wake up, it’s time to sharpen the Sword. We are soldiers, and if we aren’t out fighting the enemy, we’ll be fighting back in the barracks. We are made to fight, and to engage the enemy.

War is scary, but we have a Captain who will teach us. We will learn as we go, and grow as we practice what we preach. It’s

trusting and obeying, realizing he works *through* us if we humbly and diligently remain in Him. Get your feet wet because as soon as you hit the water you will wonder why you were waiting so long to jump in.

Oswald J. Smith said, “The church that does not evangelize will fossilize.”

Christian, now is not the time to go extinct!

We have time for one more revival before Jesus comes back. There’s still time to join the....

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# The THIRTEEN FIREMEN



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