

Mission Statement and Messages of John S. Oliver (JSO)

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MISSION of JSO

By the grace of God and to the glory of God;
the mission of JSO is to make disciples of all nations [nations meaning kinds of people]
by compassionately, strategically and cooperatively
passing to those who are receptive, responsive and responsible
a vibrant, transforming and reproducing faith
in the Risen Lord Jesus Christ!

MESSAGES of JSO

The biblically based messages of JSO are as follows:

- 1) JSO boldly, clearly and simply proclaims that
eternal salvation is
by grace alone,
through faith alone,
in Christ alone,
based on the Scriptures alone,
to the glory of God alone!
- 2) JSO urgently warns all who will hear that:
every human being will privately give an account of his or her life
to the Lord Jesus Christ Himself,
at either the Great White Throne of Judgment
(where the unbelievers will be condemned for rejecting Christ),
or the Judgment Seat of Christ
(where the works of believers will be evaluated and rewarded).
- 3) JSO humbly studies, teaches, models, encourages and supports
that becoming a genuine disciple of the Lord Jesus Christ
 - a) comes from many biblical imperatives
 - b) requires the inner-working of the Holy Spirit
 - c) fails when attempted in the energy of the flesh
 - d) grows with good habits of prayer, Bible intake, Christian fellowship, worship and Christian service
 - e) glorifies God with love-led good deeds
 - f) hinges on the effective stewardship of a person's time, talents, and treasures (things and money)
 - g) involves understanding the essential doctrines of biblical Christianity -- Inspiration of Scripture, Virgin Birth, Deity of Christ, Trinity, Blood Atonement, Bodily Resurrection, Second Coming
 - h) benefits the Body of Christ as spiritual gifts are discovered and actively developed
 - i) develops a working knowledge of biblical grace, faith, hope, love, and mercy
 - j) revolves around denying self, taking up one's cross daily and following Jesus
 - k) attracts subtle and overt assaults from the world, the flesh and the devil.
 - l) leads to directly and indirectly communicating the truth in love to unbelievers
 - m) culminates in eternal rewards that mere mortals cannot even imagine