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"...how you turned from
idols to serve the living
and true God."

(1 Thessalonians 1:9)



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How Many Remain?

The Apostle Paul was the quintessential evangelist & missionary. It was for this reason that in the New Testament the Holy Spirit recorded more of his activities than the other twelve apostles.

In the Apostle Paul's work, I believe we can see the essence of what mission work should be. What is most obvious about his work is that he worked diligently on three basic tasks. And even more so, he taught his own students to pursue these tasks as well.

- Task #1—Save Them!
- Task #2—Keep Them Saved!
- Task #3—Grow the Saved!

Our work in India seeks to be a mirror image in this century of what Paul and his team did in the first century. You can see our efforts place a heavy emphasis on task #1—to save them.

If you keep up with what we do in India, you also know that we place a great emphasis (primarily through our schools and ongoing lecture programs) on task #3—to grow the saved.

I want to say something about task #2—keeping them saved. The book of Hebrews is essentially devoted to the principle of keeping the saved saved, helping them hold fast in the times and temptations that they face: Hebrews 2:1 says *“Therefore we must give the more*

earnest heed to the things we have heard, lest we drift away.” Hebrews 4:1 says *“Therefore, since a promise remains of entering His rest, let us fear lest any of you seem to have come short of it.”*

Most of my presentations in churches are question and answer affairs. I welcome and solicit questions as I explain and elaborate on our work in India. In this process, as often as not, an astute brother or sister brings up this important question: “How many of these people stay faithful?”

This is one of my favorite questions, because it is one of the most encouraging aspects of doing mission work in India.

In my experience, a very high percentage of Indian Christians remain faithful to Jesus and His church, whether they were converted to Christ directly from Hinduism or come from denominationalism. I give two main reasons as to why this is so. One is cultural. The other reason is due to our team's determined efforts to follow Paul's example in grounding babes in the Word of God.

The cultural reason is this: most Indian converts pay a high price when they become Christians. They might pay a high price in family relationships. They often pay a high price in village or community relationships. Due to unfair government rules, they almost always pay a high price in the

loss of educational and employment opportunities—and most painfully, in opportunities for their children.

Quite frankly, when someone pays a high price to embrace Jesus, they embrace Him and hold on with a terrific grip. The greater the cost, the dearer the love. Among our converts in India, where poverty and deprivation are the rule, not holding on is almost unthinkable.

The second reason so many remain faithful is because of the very diligent efforts of the team of Indian preachers we work with. We train them with care. We train them with focus. And they love Jesus.

They love Jesus & they love His sheep. They work hard to bring the sheep into His fold. And they work very hard to keep his sheep as productive members of His flock, until He Himself calls them home.

Please continue to pray for & financially support our efforts—efforts not only to save them, but to keep the saved and to grow the saved!

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