

# Reclaiming the *Forgotten* Gospel of Jesus by Charlie Stuart

## THEY WILL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS BY OUR ACTS OF JESUS LOVE

Letting Acts of Jesus Love shine through our lives.

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All followers of Christ are secure in their eternal salvation **AND** they are called by the life and teachings of Jesus to usher in the kingdom of God on earth in their own lives and the lives of their family, friends, neighbors, workplace, and community. Especially in the lives of those in need not too far from here. This is how people will know we are Christians . . . by how, and how often, we show our love for Jesus by our acts of Jesus Love.

We reared our three now grown children to run toward signs of fear, despair, oppression, and pain . . . and then, upon arriving, they were to do what they can to help the situation using their skills, leadership, and experience. At the very least they would be present.

In the same way, the church and its members should be encouraged, and expected, to run toward despair, fear, oppression, and pain . . . showing and bringing grace to the moment.

A pastor who inspires me, Dr. Jim Keller, said, *“The church is the way others see grace and is the announcement to the world that there is a different way to be human.”*

While baptism is something a believer of Christ does to publicly show his or her profession of faith in the salvation offered by the death and resurrection of Christ, it marks the believer’s new life mission, sharing the love of Jesus with those in need in deeds of caring and compassion.

There are many rewards for being steadfast in serving those in need including the satisfaction that comes from obeying God, the pleasure in seeing a mother’s face brighten or a child smile and receiving pats on the back from fellow “followers.”

But the highest reward is feeling the joy of the Lord as He smiles down on them for “doing unto others as if it was for Him.”

In the movie “Chariots of Fire” the hero, Eric Liddell, explains why he runs with reckless abandon by saying, “God made me for a purpose, but He also made me fast. And when I run, I feel His pleasure.”

Likewise, by sharing the love of Jesus through acts of caring and compassion with those in need, we feel His pleasure.



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A longtime lay leader and Bible study teacher, he is the author of *Reclaiming the Forgotten Gospel of Jesus*, and resides in Orlando, Florida. In too many churches, Charlie believes, the salvation Gospel of Christ all there is to being a Christian, but this ignores the life and teachings of the Gospel of Jesus who also came to show us how to usher in the kingdom of God on earth. Charlie’s book is a challenge to churches to fully embrace the complete Gospel of Jesus, the Christ.