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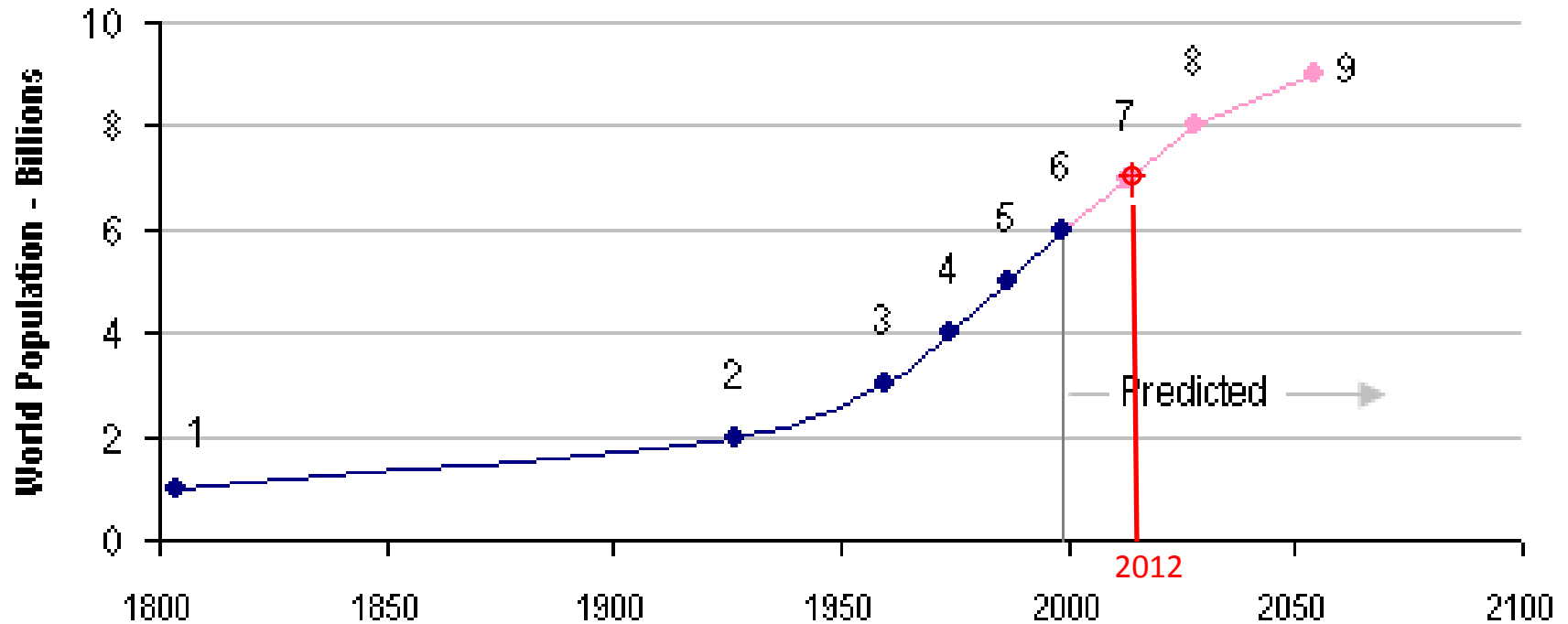
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Acts 17:22-28



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World Population Trends: Actual & Predicted



Source: United Nations Population Division, "World Population Prospects: The 1998 Revision".

As of today, it is estimated to number 7.054 billion by the [United States Census Bureau](#)

Christian Population by Global North/Global South, 1910

	ESTIMATED 1910 CHRISTIAN POPULATION	TOTAL WORLD POPULATION	PERCENTAGE OF POPULATION THAT WAS CHRISTIAN	PERCENTAGE OF WORLD CHRISTIAN POPULATION
Global North	502,900,000	580,210,000	86.7%	82.2%
Global South	108,910,000	1,178,200,000	9.2	17.8
World Total	611,810,000	1,758,410,000	34.8	100.0

Source: Pew Forum analysis of data from the Center for the Study of Global Christianity. For the purposes of this report, the Global North is comprised of North America, Europe, Australia, Japan and New Zealand. The rest of the world is considered the Global South. Population estimates are rounded to the ten thousands. Percentages are calculated from unrounded numbers. Figures may not add exactly due to rounding.

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	ESTIMATED 2010 CHRISTIAN POPULATION	TOTAL WORLD POPULATION	PERCENTAGE OF POPULATION THAT IS CHRISTIAN	PERCENTAGE OF WORLD CHRISTIAN POPULATION
Global North	856,360,000	1,240,250,000	69.0%	39.2%
Global South	1,327,700,000	5,655,640,000	23.5	60.8
World Total	2,184,060,000	6,895,890,000	31.7	100.0

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Transformational Discipleship

SHARING CHRIST

Survey of 2,930 USA Protestant church goers

61% have not shared how to become a Christian with anyone in the past 6 months

48% have not invited anyone to church in the past 6 months

20% rarely/never pray for people who are not professing Christians

80% agree:

"I have a personal responsibility to share my religious beliefs about Jesus Christ with non-Christians."

75% feel comfortable sharing their belief in Christ with someone else

8% are hesitant to let others know they are Christian

**...HOW CAN THEY
BELIEVE IN THE ONE
OF WHOM THEY HAVE NOT HEARD?
AND HOW CAN THEY
HEAR WITHOUT SOMEONE
PREACHING TO THEM?
ROMANS 10:14**

To know
Christ
and to
make **Him**
Known



1 Corinthians 11:1



**Follow my example,
as I follow the example of Christ.**

ACTS 17



¹Now when they had passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where there was a synagogue of the Jews. ²Then Paul, as his custom was, went in to them, and for three Sabbaths reasoned with them from the Scriptures,

ACTS 17



²³for as I was passing through and considering the objects of your worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: TO THE UNKNOWN GOD. Therefore, the One whom you worship without knowing, Him I proclaim to you:

ACTS 17:21



For all the Athenians and the foreigners who were there spent their time in nothing else but either to tell or to hear some new thing.

ACTS 17:22



Then Paul stood in the midst of the Areopagus and said, "Men of Athens, I perceive that in all things you are very religious;

1 Corinthians 9:22-23 (NLT)

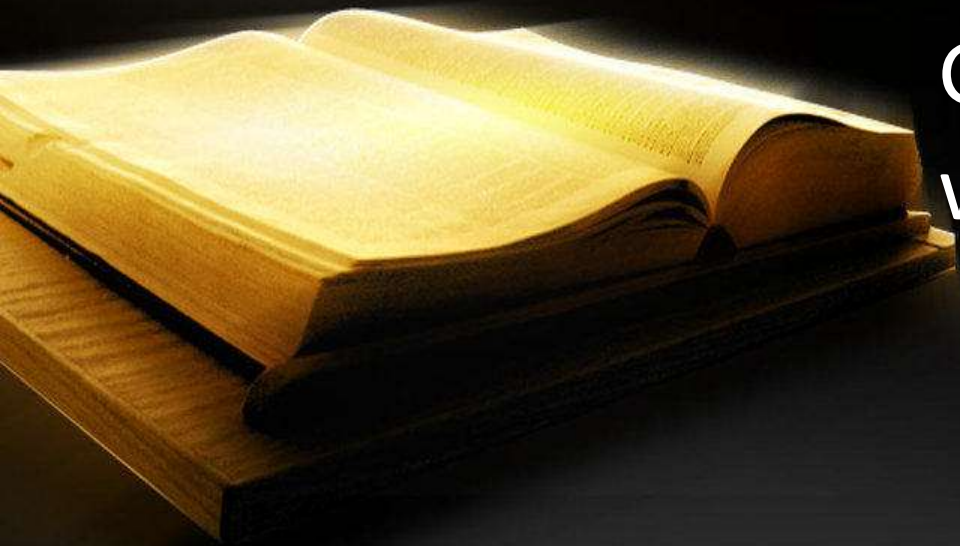


When I am with those who are oppressed, I share their oppression so that I might bring them to Christ. Yes, I try to find common ground with everyone so that I might bring them to Christ. I do all this to spread the Good News, and in doing so I enjoy its blessings.

Perceptions



Then you will not be condemned for doing something you know is all right. For the Kingdom of God is not a matter of what we eat or drink, but of living a life of **goodness and peace and joy** in the Holy Spirit. If you serve Christ with this attitude, you will please God. And other people will approve of you, too.



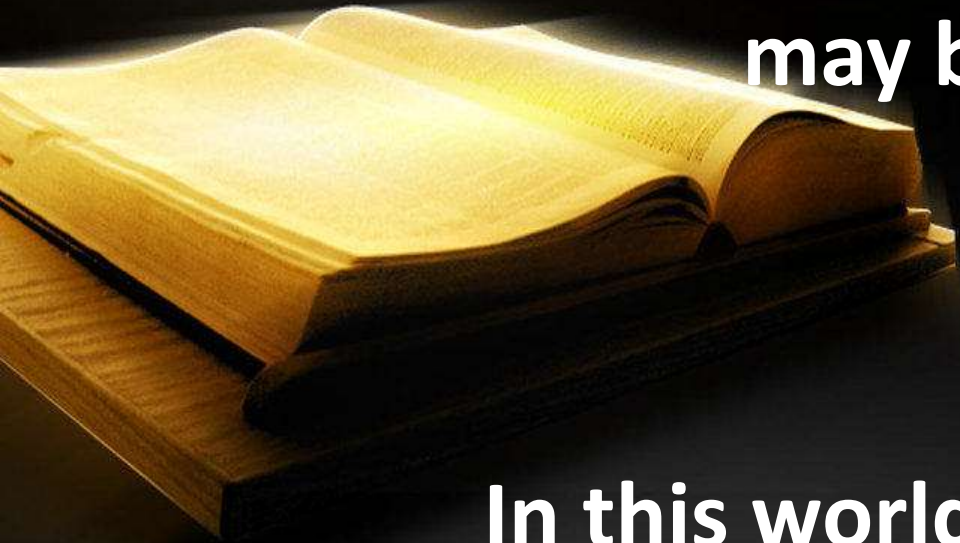
Romans 14:16-18

John 10:10 (NKJV)

I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.

John 15:11 (NKJV)

These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full.

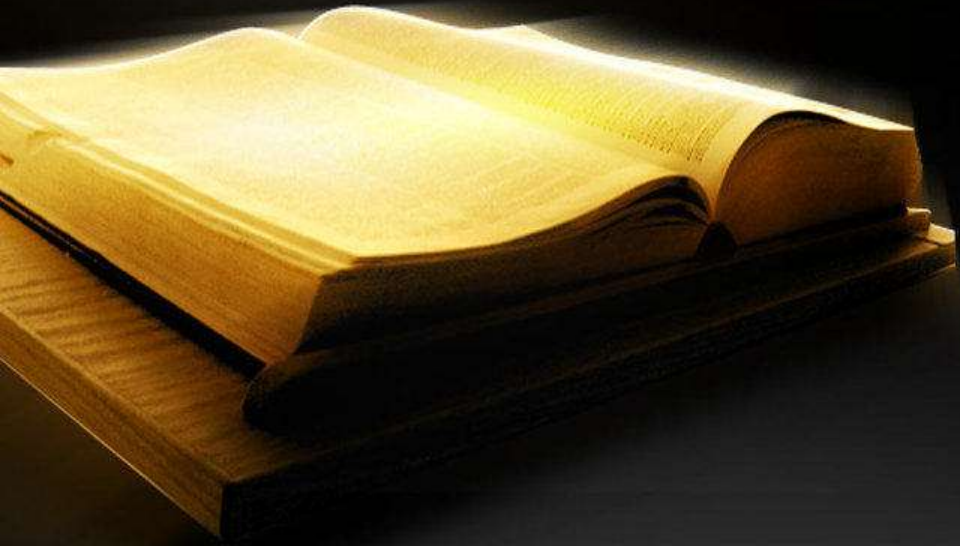


John 16:33 (NIV)

In this world you will have trouble.

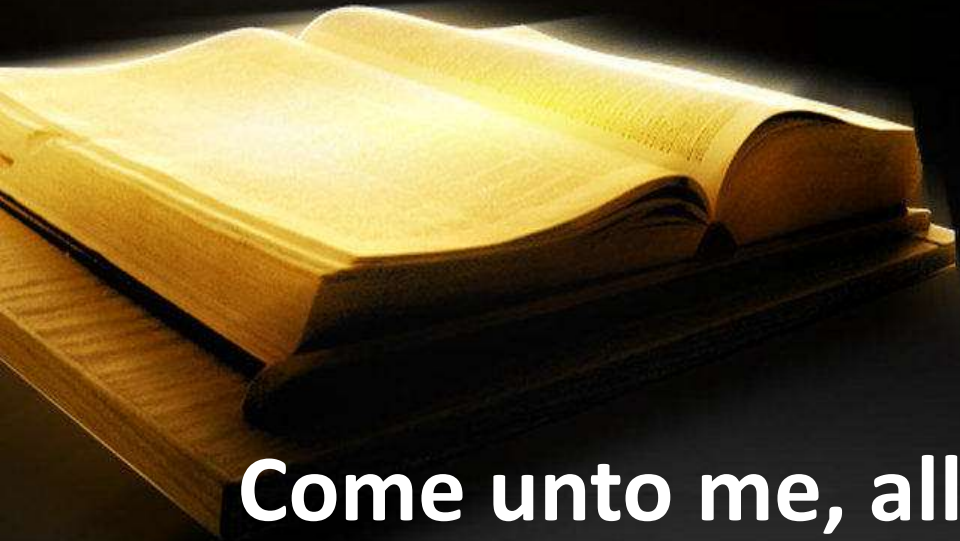
James 4:8

Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded.



Jeremiah 33:3

Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not.

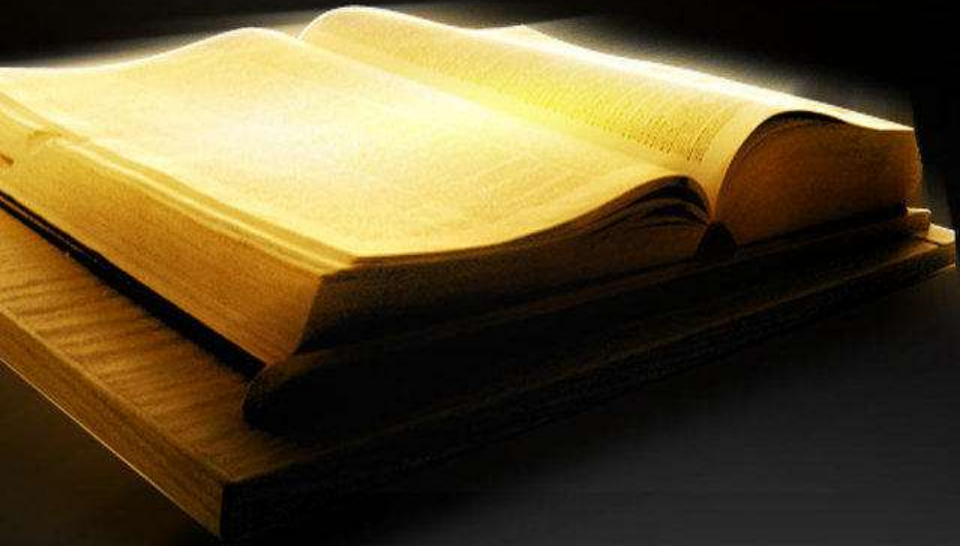


Matthew 11:28

Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

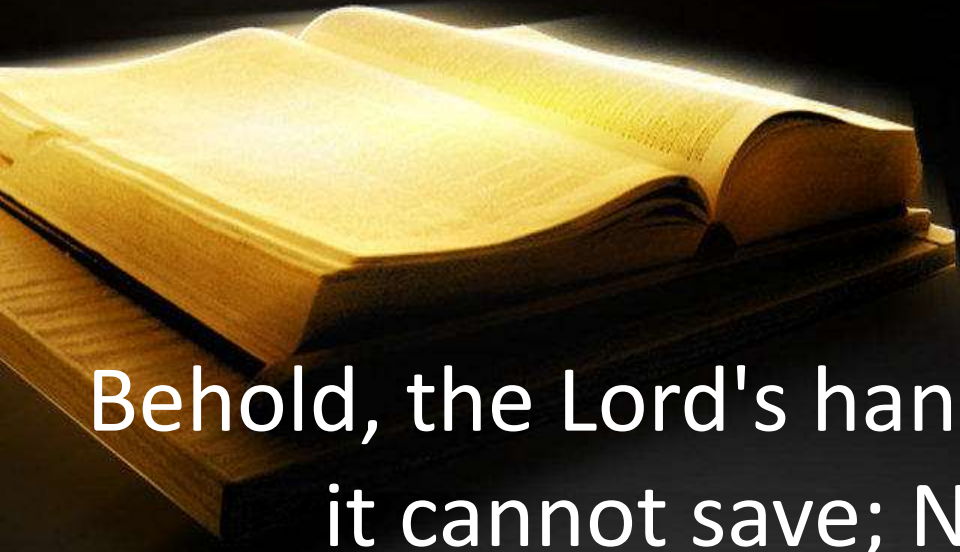
Acts 17:27

**so that they should seek the Lord, in the hope
that they might grope for Him and find Him,
though He is not far from each one of us;**



Jeremiah 32:27 (NKJV)

"Behold, I *am* the Lord, the God of all flesh. Is there anything too hard for Me?"



Isaiah 59:1 (NKJV)

Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened, That it cannot save; Nor His ear heavy, That it cannot hear.

Acts 17:24-31



God is the God of all creation

²⁴God, who made the world and everything in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands.

²⁵ Nor is He worshiped with men's hands, as though He needed anything, since He gives to all life, breath, and all things.

Acts 17:24-31



God made all...

²⁶ And He has made from one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, and has determined their preappointed times and the boundaries of their dwellings,

**God knows you
and wants you to know Him!**



²⁷ so that they should seek the Lord, in the hope that they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us; ²⁸ for in Him we live and move and have our being, as also some of your own poets have said, 'For we are also His offspring.'

He knows your name!



John 10:3 (NKJV)

³To him the doorkeeper opens, and the sheep hear his voice; and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.

John 14:7-9



⁷If ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also: and from henceforth ye know him, and have seen him. ⁸ Philip saith unto him, Lord, shew us the Father, and it sufficeth us. ⁹ Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou *then*, Shew us the Father?

He knows your needs!



Matthew 6:32 (NKJV)

**...For your heavenly Father knows that you
need all these things.**

He knows how you feel!



Hebrews 4:15 (KJV)

For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as *we are*, yet without sin.

Acts 17:24-31



²⁹ Therefore, since we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Divine Nature is like gold or silver or stone, something shaped by art and man's devising.

³⁰ Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent,

Acts 17:24-31



God requires something of us!

³¹ because He has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained. He has given assurance of this to all by raising Him from the dead."

3 responses:

v. 32-34

- Some laughed and blew it off, mocking.
- Some procrastinated and said, not today, maybe some day.
 - Some believed.



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