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ARE WE IGNORING THE
FUTURE?

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INTRODUCTION:

- (1) Reality of Life**
- (2) Priority of Life**

(1) Life is a short distance Run



- **Phil. 3:13** *Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and **reaching forth** unto those things which are before,*
- **3:14** *I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.*

(2) The Great Commission **Matt. 28:17-20 (ESV)**

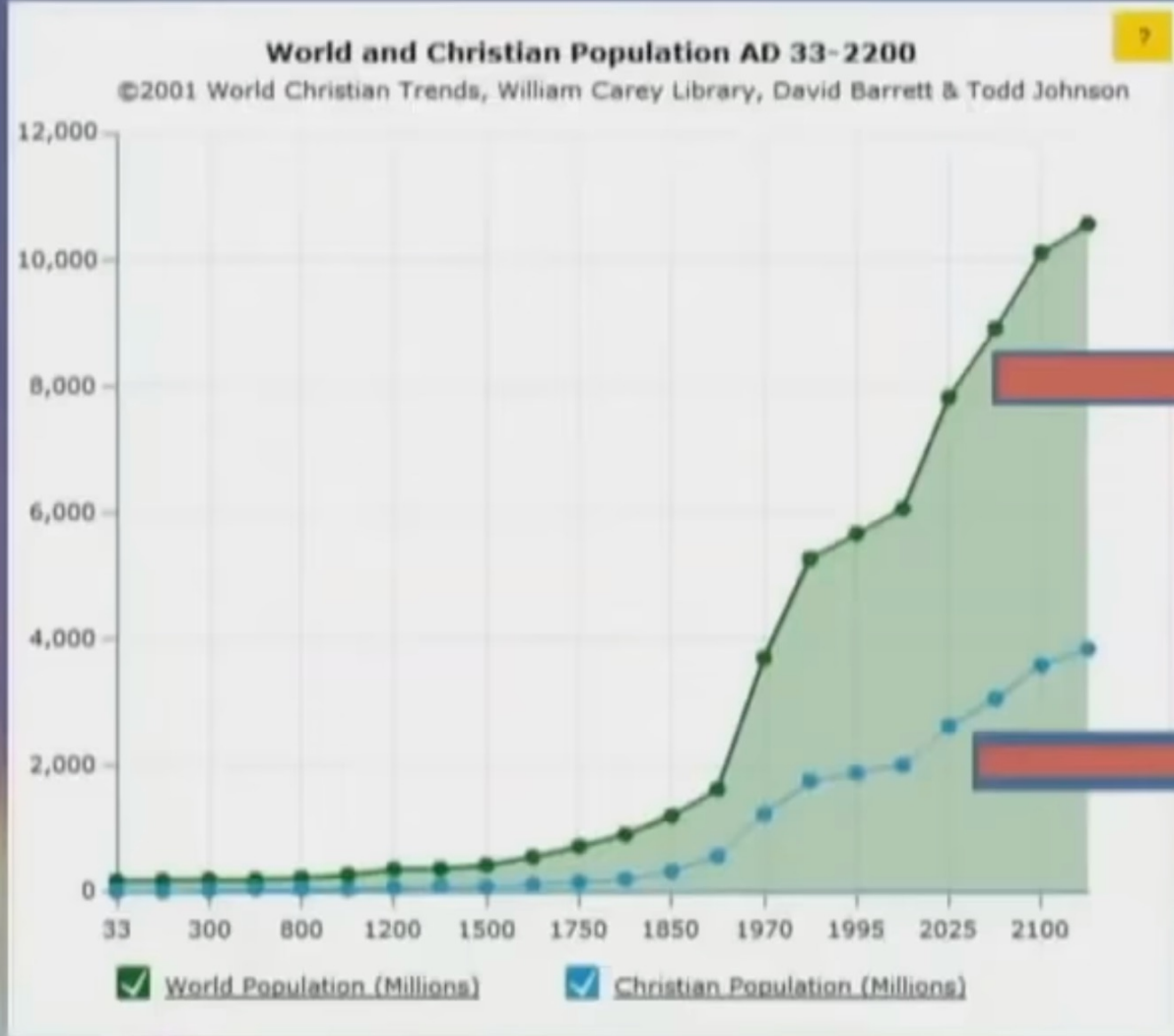
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[Amen!-KJV]



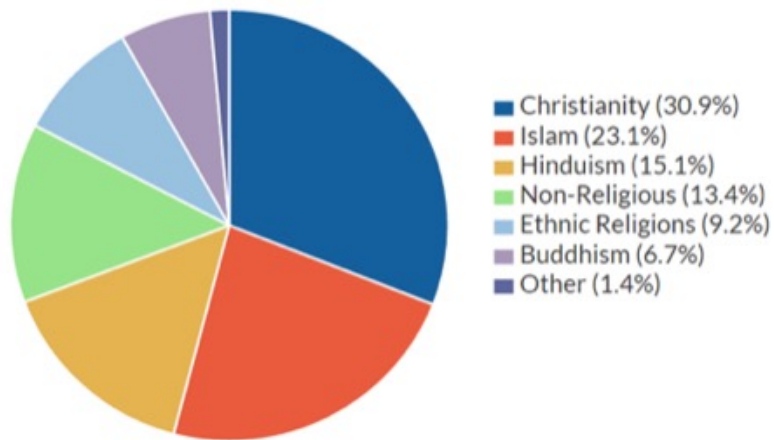
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The World & Christianity Charts

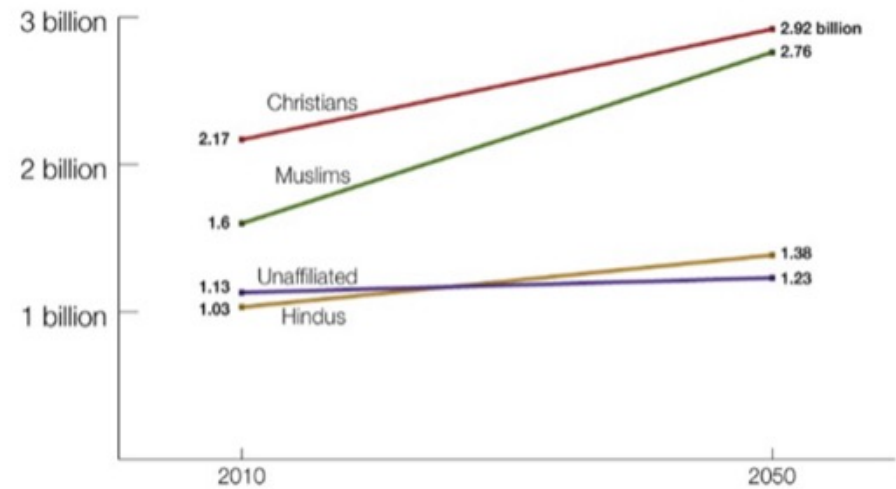
(From Global Commission Partners-current)

Size of World Religions



Source: Joshua Project

Projected Growth of Religions

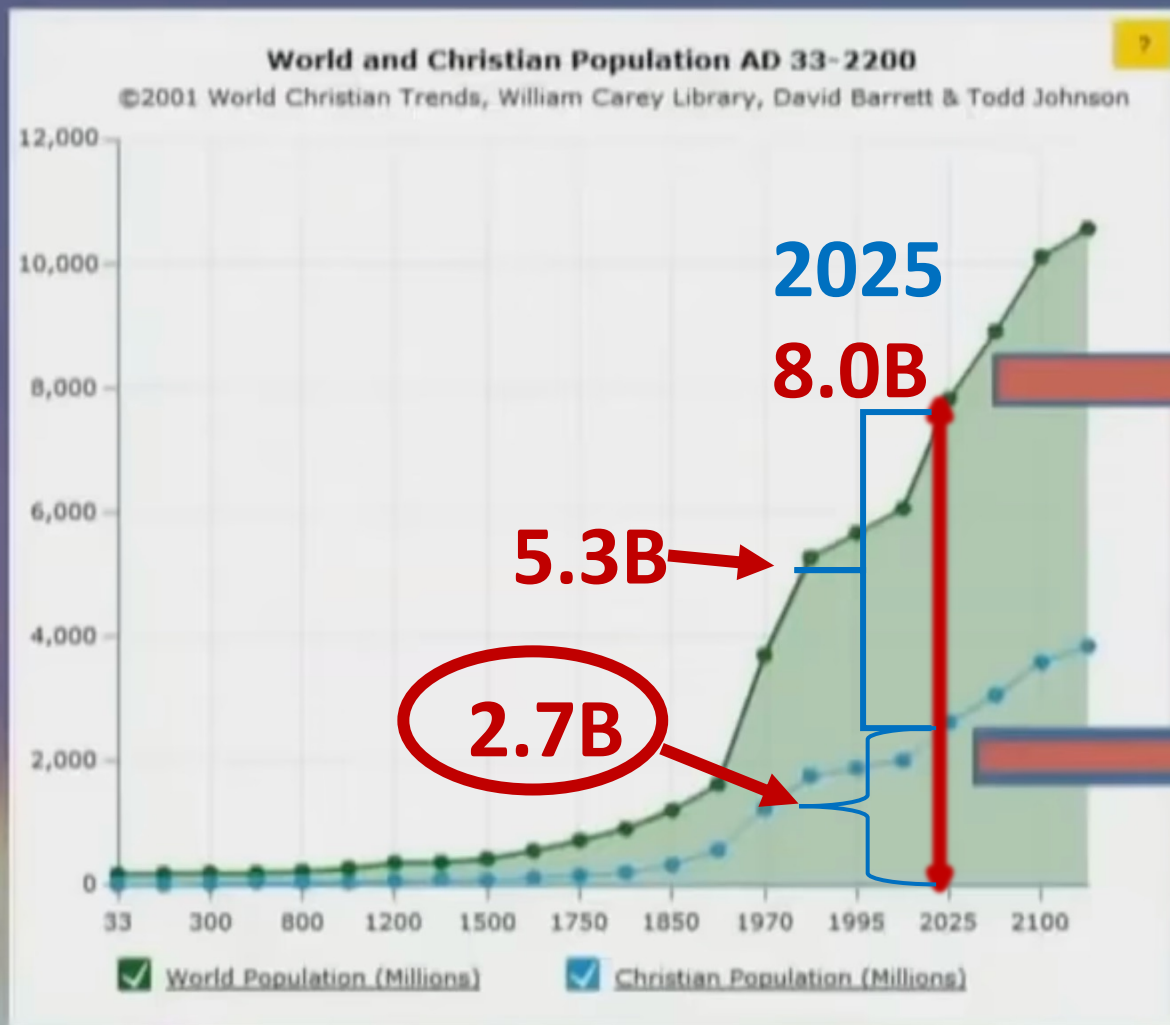


Source: Pew Research Center

The World Mortality Stats

Every day **150,000** souls die, 2/3 or **100K** perished at the rate of **1.7 souls/sec.**

- *Comments:*
- *(1) Acts 8:4 Therefore they that were scattered abroad went every where preaching the word, (high % of witnesses if not All)*
- *(2) The gap has exponentially grown from 250M to 5B ppl & growing -This is most alarming in the last 2000 years, if not tackled by 2100 it will grow to 6.7B!*



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Evangelism Statistics (Bible.org)

2010 Stats

(1) 95% of all Christians have never won a soul for Christ

THE PROBLEM?

(2) 80% of all Christians do not consistently witness for Christ

Believers/Evangelistic Vs Non-believers

Out of **2.7B** Christians, **1.4B RC**, **1B Evangelical**, **0.3 Eastern Orthodox**.

If every Christian evangelize, the ratio is $5.3/2.7$ or **1:2** Believer to non-believers.

1B Evangelicals, 20% or 200M Evangelistic. If all evangelical Christians evangelize, the ration is **1:5.3**. Unfortunately, only 20% of evangelicals are evangelistic, the ration is now ballooned to **1:29**, which is beyond control.

Matt. 9:36-38

36 But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd.

*37 Then saith he unto his disciples, **The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few;***

*38 **Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest.***

Two Qs:

(1) Who is more important **the Harvest** or **the Labourers**?

(2) Why did Jesus give priority on **Labourers**, rather than **the Harvest**?

Luke 10:1-3

1 After these things the Lord appointed other seventy also, and sent them two and two before his face into every city and place, whither he himself would come.

2 Therefore said he unto them, The harvest truly is great, but the labourers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth labourers into his harvest.

3 Go your ways: behold, I send you forth as lambs among wolves.

Luke 10:17 And the seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through thy name.

18 And he said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven.

19 Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

20 Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven.

Q: Has the Lord provided sufficient
Labourers for His Harvest TODAY?

Bible.org Evangelism Stats (1993)

One particular denomination did a survey on its **leadership ministries**. The results are as follows:

- X 63%** of the leadership in this denomination, including deacons and elders, have not led one stranger to Jesus in the last two years through the method of “Go Ye” evangelism.
- X 49%** of the leadership ministries spend zero time in an average week ministering outside of the church.
- X 89%** of the leadership ministries have zero time reserved on their list of weekly priorities for going out to evangelize.
- ✓ 99%** of the leadership ministries believe that every Christian, including leadership, has been commanded to preach the gospel to a lost world.
- ✓ 97%** believe that if the leadership had a greater conviction and involvement in evangelism, that it would be an example for the church to follow.
- ✓ 96%** of the leadership believe their churches would have grown faster if they would have been more involved in evangelism.

Because of this, our results in evangelism have been mediocre, at best.

Summary

- **The Lord has provided enough labourers for his harvest**, but churches ignore the harvest.
- Why are the Labourers' dormant? **2B** of them? They are ignorant or willfully ignore that they had been sent and commissioned (GC) by the Lord 2000 years ago.
- While **.2B** Evangelistic Christians Harvest, they did not see the need to engage the 80%.
- Why Churches do not **ENGAGE** the Lord's Labourers, thereby ignoring the Harvests?
 - Church leaders themselves are lethargic on Evangelism.
 - Evangelism is not a pre-requisite for employing pastors.
 - Neither Bible Colleges require evangelistic professors/lecturers to teach.
 - Churches detach Discipleship from Evangelism as separate entities.
 - Churches consider the GC mainly as foreign missions.
 - Churches focus on ministering the sheep than rescue the perishing souls.
 - Bible Colleges train pastors, teachers, leaders, but not Evangelists.
 - Churches are afraid of intruding to members' Evangelism-privacy.

Eph. 4:11

*11 And he gave some, **apostles**; and some, **prophets**;
and some, **evangelists***; and some, **pastors and**
teachers;*

Shudn't Bible Seminaries train **Evangelists**?

Matt. 16:26(NASB)

For what good will it do a person if he gains the whole world, but forfeits his soul? Or what will a person give in exchange for his soul?

[Every soul is precious in the eyes of God with priceless Price Tag]

World 2024 GDP =USD 110T

The world's most Valuable Co. Apple Inc. Market Value = USD 3.0T

World Richest man Assets = USD 442B

End Times Signs

Matt. 24:6-8

- *6 And ye shall hear of **wars** and **rumours of wars**: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet.*
- *7 For **nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom**: and there shall be **famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes**, in divers places.*
- *8 All these are **the beginning of sorrows**.*

Luke 21:10-11

- *10 Then said he unto them, **Nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom**:*
- *11 And **great earthquakes** shall be in divers places, and **famines, and pestilences**; and **fearful sights** and great signs shall there be from heaven.*

The Great Commission Matt. 28:17-20

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Luke 13:1-5

1 There were some present at that very time who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices.

2 And he answered them, “Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans, because they suffered in this way?”

*3 No, I tell you; but unless you **repent**, you will all likewise perish.*

4 Or those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them: do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others who lived in Jerusalem?

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*I have seen **everything** that is done **under the sun**,
and behold, all is **vanity** and a striving after wind.*

Eccl. 1:14

WE ARE ABOVE THE SUN!

In the world but not of the world (John 17:14-16)



CONCLUDING SUMMARY

1. LIFE IS SHORT, GET OUR PRIORITY RIGHT!
2. ENGAGE NON-EVANGELISTIC BELIEVERS!
3. MAKE EVANGELISM THE WAY OF LIFE FOR EVERY BELIEVER!

Two Fundamental Questions TO NON-BELIEVERS?

- (1) If you were to die today, where will you be?**
- (2) What is the foundation of your belief?**

MAY THE LORD FIND US
FAITHFUL TO HIS CALLING!

GBU ALL!

SDG!