

“The time is fulfilled,  
and the kingdom of God is at hand:  
repent ye, and believe the gospel”  
Mark 1:15



## Treadmill Christians

In this issue I want to share with you thoughts about present day Christianity

### Treadmill Christians

This first thought came while I was on the treadmill at the YMCA and realized that so many Christians have become *treadmill Christians*.

Here's the scoop....

A treadmill is a piece of fitness equipment used to allow a person to walk or run without moving any distance. In other words...there is a lot of motion, time, effort, sweat, and energy expended, but the person on the treadmill has not moved any distance.

Isn't that the kind of activity permeating our denominations? There is a lot of motion, time, effort, sweat, and energy expended within our four walls, but those sitting in the pews have done little to move out from the four walls to share the glorious gospel of Jesus Christ.

*“Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.” (Matthew 28:19-20)*

## Amusement Park Christians

A second thought came while my family and I were at a conference in Hershey, Pennsylvania. We all went to the Hershey Park amusement park. While there, I realized that so many Christians have become *amusement park Christians*.

Here's the scoop....

The amusement park is where a person goes to be entertained, to experience thrills and exhilaration not normally experienced. Once the experience is over, life continues on until the next experience.

Isn't that how many Christians are? They go to their denomination to be entertained and to experience the emotional high of “worship.” They consider the thrills and emotional highs the same as being in the presence of the living God; then go back home after the experience and long for the next emotional rush. Christians are no longer recognizing that the *living God* is always with them through the Holy Spirit. Christianity is not an emotional thrill...but an ongoing fellowship with the living God.

*“That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ.”(1 John 1:3)*

## **Time is Short**

The Bible is clear that most people—inside and outside the denominations—do not fear God, neither put their trust in Him. You do not have to be part of the *most people*. You can put your trust in Him today and then go and tell everyone you know about the God who created the world, died for their sins, was buried, and rose from the dead. Time is short. Most people in our world need to hear the message that Jesus taught. Do your part to help them to hear. Go and help *return America* to God.

*Be so much the more, as ye see the day approaching*

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