Introduction

- 1. What can I do?
 - a. Evil (Col. 3:5-9a; Gal. 5:19-21; 1 Cor. 6:9-10)
 - b. Good (Col. 3:9b-17; Gal. 5:22-23; 1 Cor. 6:11)
 - c. The choice is mine (cf. <u>Isa. 7:14-15</u>; <u>Josh. 24:15</u>)
- 2. When the Lord asked, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?", Isaiah answered (Isa. 6:8)

Here Am I

- 1. God's Word will prosper with or without us (<u>Isa. 55:10-11</u>)
 - a. God has already won the victory and affords us that opportunity through His Son (1 Cor. 15:53-57)
 - b. We assuredly want to be on God's side (Mt. 12:30)
 - c. God wants us to be on His side (1 Tim. 2:3-4)
- 2. Our faith is the victory that overcomes the world (1 Jn. 5:4)
 - a. No faith, little faith, and dead faith will not <u>do</u> (cf. <u>Mk. 4:40; Mt. 6:30, 8:26;</u> <u>Jm. 2:17, 26</u>)
 - b. We want great faith that <u>does</u> (cf. <u>Mt. 8:10</u>, <u>15:28</u>; <u>Jm. 2:18</u>)
 - c. "And the apostles said unto the Lord, <u>Increase our faith</u>." (<u>Lk. 17:5</u>)
- 3. Before Isaiah could go, his sin had to be dealt with (<u>Isa. 6:5-7</u>)
 - a. inquity (awon H5771 aw-vone') portrays sin as a perversion of life (a twisting out of the right way), a perversion of truth (a twisting into error), or a perversion of intent (a bending of rectitude [moral integrity; righteousness] into willful disobedience) (Vine 231)

- i. "By mercy and truth <u>iniquity</u> is purged: And by the fear of the Lord *men* depart from evil." (Pr. 16:6; cf. Ps. 78:38-39)
- b. sin (*chattat* H2403 khat-tawth ') the basic nuance of this word is "sin" conceived as missing the road or mark (Vine 232)
 - i. "For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins." (Mt. 26:28)
 - ii. "Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of <u>sins</u>, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit." (<u>Acts 2:38</u>)
- c. Praise be to God, Christ bore our iniquities (<u>Is. 53:11-12</u>; cf. <u>Rm. 3:23-26</u>; <u>1</u> <u>Jn. 2:1-2</u>; <u>2 Cor. 5:21</u>)
- d. Hearing the Gospel will draw people to the Christ and produce faith in honest and good hearts (Jn. 6:44-45, 12:32-33, 20:30-31; cf. Lk. 8:15)
- e. This will lead to one being converted (Acts 3:19)
 - i. be converted (*epistrepho* G1994 ep-ee-stref´-o) to change one's mind or course of action, <u>for better</u> or worse, turn, return (BDAG 382)
- f. Some do not want to be converted (<u>Isa. 6:9-10</u>; cf. <u>Mt. 13:10-15</u>; <u>Jn. 12:37-41</u>; <u>Acts 28:17-31</u>)
 - i. Thankfully, some do (Mt. 13:16-17)

Send Me

- 1. God has entrusted His glorious Gospel with His saints (<u>1 Tim. 1:11</u>; cf. <u>1 Th.</u> <u>2:4</u>)
 - a. God is perfect in holiness and requires us to be holy (<u>Isa. 6:3</u>; cf. <u>Isa. 47:4</u>, <u>57:15</u>; <u>Ps. 111:9</u>; <u>1 Pt. 1:15-16</u>; <u>Heb. 12:14</u>; <u>1 Th. 4:7</u>)

- i. holy (hagios G40 hag´-ee-os) of human beings consecrated to God, holy, pure, reverent (BDAG 10); in a moral sense, pure, sinless, upright, holy (Thayer 7); fundamentally signifies "separated" (among the Greeks, dedicated to the gods), and hence, in Scripture in its moral and spiritual significance, separated from sin and therefore consecrated to God, sacred (Vine 307) cf. 1 Pt. 2:5, 9
- b. We are earthen vessels but hold a great treasure within us (2 Cor. 4:1-7)
 - i. God has chosen fragile men to preach to fragile men an unbreakable message of hope and salvation
 - ii. That treasure (the Gospel) must get out to others which means we must go and teach!
 - iii. The apostles went, instructed the church to do the same, and they went (Mt. 28:18-20; Acts 8:3-4)
- 2. I must go and teach the Gospel to others
 - a. Somewhere along the line some have determined evangelism is optional; it is not
 - i. Why would one even think that to be the case?
 - i. Many people are dead in sin, doomed to hell, and I can help them out of that, and I want to keep my mouth shut? For shame! (cf. 1 Kgs. 22:14)
 - ii. Maybe some do not believe the majority of people are lost but the reality is they are (Mt. 7:13, 21-23, 22:14; cf. Lk. 13:22-30)
 - b. We should want more than anything to tell others about Jesus Christ and Him crucified (Acts 4:18-20)
 - i. Woe to us if we do not! (cf. <u>1 Cor. 9:16</u>; <u>Rm. 1:14-15</u>)
- 3. Isaiah went even though God told him the message would not be well received (<u>Isa. 6:9-12</u>)

- a. Many rejected the message of Christ and ultimately crucified Him (cf. Mt. 27:22-25)
- b. There was still <u>hope</u> as the holy seed would be left (<u>Isa. 6:13</u>)
 - i. A remnant of a remnant would be left (cf. Ezek. 5:1-3, 6:8-10)
- c. God <u>always</u> has a righteous remnant (<u>Rm. 11:1-5</u>)
- d. I want to make sure I am in that righteous remnant

Conclusion

- 1. What can I do?
 - a. I can make this world more wicked, or I can make it better
 - b. The choice is mine
- 2. If I choose to make it better it means that I will make sure I am right with God
 - a. It also means that I will go and teach others how they can do the same
- 3. Here am I! Send me!