

CELEBRATING NEW LIFE

John 3: 16-21

The late great Billy Graham was one of the greatest preachers that the world has known. His message was not complex but a simple one that Jesus Christ can transform your life. Your sin nature has caused you pain but Christ abiding in you can bring you peace. Graham's message was that Jesus can give you a new life and a better life.

Perhaps if we want our church to grow and the Kingdom of God expanded, we should proclaim the simple message that Jesus can change your life. Many of us memorized John 3:16 as a child but did not understand the depth of this scripture until we accepted Christ personally. The business of the church is not just fellowship, as important as that is, but we gather to be inspired personally and to witness lives being changed collectively.

Our text suggests three ways for us to help us to discover, celebrate and share the new life.

1. Proclaim the Love of God.
 - A. Receive the love of God
 - B. Believe in the Lord

2. Present the Light by God.
 - A. Light exposes our dark side
 - B. Light expresses God's good side

3. Prepare others for the Life in God.
 - A. Observe the change God makes in us
 - B. Obey the Christ that abides in us