

cf. Matt 4:19 & acts 16:31 - ^{omitted & promise}
1:4 - must write about these things, that our joy may be complete - "

no complete joy as a x can w/out

witnessing - I'm just compelled to write & tell others about x, why?

what to write to head, others - R. D. ...

Why witness? - "I'll never forget what happened to me." Paul & Oasmasus road experience

Because of personal experience - we have effects last

seen, heard - "Perf. tense" - "still ringing in our ears." stop witnessing have forgotten, lost contact, sound no longer there - like a chew gum: the flavor lasts

time can no longer recall. Song: the more you sing it, more you remember it, rings longer in here - can't get it off your mind - our experience w/ x ought to be like that.

a witness is a reporter = 2 kinds =

saw accident - a witness = tells of accident - a witness.

- note the excitement, John = the jelling up of words, an unequalled opport. a repeated part!

II - Because it is a life, experience, share common life - NEB be shared - vs 3 - Note the desire of John - Get in on this word!

wants others to share this - get in on it. note - word in 3 = to pass on - Peter: Such as I have, give I want to see. two different

of words - vs 5 = to pass on - fellowship here is synonymous w/ sel. to have fellowship w/ O is to possess smth, meant to be shared - unfinished, incomplete, unfulfilled joy

III - Because it is only thing that completes trans Joy = RSV = vs 4 - "that our joy may be complete."

- already have some joy - but incomplete, something missing - and it is lasting joy (perf. tense) - joy of worship, etc -

but joy of witnessing lasts - can't remember my songs, or sermons, services, etc - but remember witnessing & winning.

I. This is really what witnessing is = People are interested in what happened to you - ~~a~~ a personal experience is most interesting = almost every article in top publications begins w/ anecdote - Personal experience

Pastor is the key - must lead the way -
Can't expect people to do what Pastor's
not doing.

II - Not to share X is like men hoarding water in
fountain - a doc learns that he may share this
training - a watchman sees the danger that he
may share this knowledge - a teacher shares -
→ It is nothing less than criminal to not share
X - Robbing people of Salvation.

- Name of person on your heart

- Governor's Pardon worthless unless
made known to condemned man.

"We want you to be w/ us
in this - at this place
doing"

It brings Xion joy because it brings O joy -
Luk 15 - Don't say joy in heaven over 50,
goal, Tithes, building, dedication, - but over
One soul brought to repentance.

— Think of O = His Glory, etc - His Possessions; Gold, etc -
yet His joy incomplete w/out redemption given.

— Jesus = not so interested in religion, sin, ceremonies as
in People — "Who, for the Joy that was set before
him, endured the cross..."

It's a warning signal when this ceases to be our joy.

you're never going to know the full joy of salvation until you
witness - & when people begin winning others, they stop fussing.
a soul-winning church is most harmonious, joyful - more
money, etc.

Compelled to Tell: Experience —
woman at well = "Is this not the X?"
~~andrew~~ Andrew: "I have found the X,"
Blind man = Questions, questions — "I don't
know - but this I do know, that whereas,
once I was blind, now I see!" Do you
think we ever forget that encounter?

Intro - Men doing things wouldn't normally
do, things contrary to logic, custom
Moses same up a place, Paul, X, John -
Acts

David Brainerd -

- 1 - Unforgettable experience
- 2 - Unequaled opportunity
- 3 - Unfulfilled joy.