

# Missions, Part 1

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Genesis 12:1-3; Matthew 28:19-20

—**Charles Spurgeon**, *"If there be any one point in which the Christian church ought to keep its fervor at a white heat, it is concerning missions. If there be anything about which we cannot tolerate lukewarmness, it is the matter of sending the gospel to a dying world."*

## 1.) God's Mission- the Promise

A.) Abraham was on Mission

Read **Genesis 12:1-3**

B.) Israel was on Mission

**Exodus 19:6**, *"And you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation...."*

**Deuteronomy 4:7**, *"For what great nation is there that has God so near to it, as the Lord our God is to us, for whatever reason we may call upon Him?"*

**Deuteronomy 31:12**, *"Gather the people together, men and women and little ones, and the stranger who is within your gates, that they may hear and that they may learn to fear the Lord your God and carefully observe all the words of this law"*

**Joshua 8:33-35**, *"33 Then all Israel, with their elders and officers and judges, stood on either side of the ark before the priests, the Levites, who bore the ark of the covenant of the Lord, the stranger as well as he who was born among them. Half of them were in front of Mount Gerizim and half of them in front of Mount Ebal, as Moses the servant of the Lord had commanded before, that they should bless the people of Israel. 34 And afterward he read all the words of the law, the blessings and the cursings, according to all that is written in the Book of the Law. 35 There was not a word of all that Moses had commanded which Joshua did not read before all the assembly of Israel, with the women, the little ones, and the strangers who were living among them."*

**Psalm 67:1-3**, "God be merciful to us and bless us, And cause His face to shine upon us 2 That Your way may be known on earth, Your salvation among all nations. Let the peoples praise You, O God; Let all the peoples praise You."

**Psalm 22:27**, "All the ends of the world Shall remember and turn to the Lord, And all the families of the nations Shall worship before You."

**Isaiah 19:24-25**, "In that day Israel will be one of three with Egypt and Assyria—a blessing in the midst of the land, 25 whom the Lord of hosts shall bless, saying, "Blessed is Egypt My people, and Assyria the work of My hands, and Israel My inheritance."

**Isaiah 49:6**, "It is too small a thing that You should be My Servant To raise up the tribes of Jacob, And to restore the preserved ones of Israel; I will also give You as a light to the Gentiles, That You should be My salvation to the ends of the earth.' "

### C.) Jesus was on Mission

**Matthew 21:12-13**, "Then Jesus went into the temple of God and drove out all those who bought and sold in the temple, and overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who sold doves. 13 And He said to them, "It is written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer,' but you have made it a 'den of thieves.'"

**Isaiah 56:6-7**, "Also the sons of the foreigner Who join themselves to the Lord, to serve Him, And to love the name of the Lord, to be His servants— Everyone who keeps from defiling the Sabbath, And holds fast My covenant—7 Even them I will bring to My holy mountain, And make them joyful in My house of prayer. Their burnt offerings and their sacrifices Will be accepted on My altar; For My house shall be called a house of prayer for all nations."

**Ephesians 2:11-16**, "Therefore remember that you, once Gentiles in the flesh—who are called Uncircumcision by what is called the Circumcision made in the flesh by hands— 12 that at that time you were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. 13 But now in Christ

*Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. 14 For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation, 15 having abolished in His flesh the enmity, that is, the law of commandments contained in ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man from the two, thus making peace, 16 and that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity."*

**Galatians 3:28**, *"There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. 29 And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise."*

**Psalms 22:27-31**, *"All the ends of the world Shall remember and turn to the Lord, And all the families of the nations Shall worship before You. 28 For the kingdom is the Lord's, And He rules over the nations. 29 All the prosperous of the earth Shall eat and worship; All those who go down to the dust Shall bow before Him, Even he who cannot keep himself alive. A posterity shall serve Him. It will be recounted of the Lord to the next generation, 31 They will come and declare His righteousness to a people who will be born, That He has done this."*

## **2.) God's Mission- the Church**

Read **Matthew 28:18-20**

**Ephesians 3:10**, *"that now the manifold wisdom of God might be made known by the church to the principalities and powers in the heavenly places"*

**Colossians 1:27**, *"To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: which is Christ in you, the hope of glory."*

A.) Every Church is on Mission

**Philippians 1:7**, *"for inasmuch as both in my chains and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel, you all are partakers with me of grace."*

***1 Thessalonians 1:8***, "For from you the word of the Lord has sounded forth, not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place. Your faith toward God has gone out..."

B.) The Church is to Bear Witness to the Authenticity of the Gospel

***John 13:35***, "By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."

***John 17:23***, "the world may know that You have sent Me..."

***Titus 2:5***, "to be discreet, chaste, homemakers, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be blasphemed."

***Titus 2:10***, "not pilfering, but showing all good fidelity, that they may adorn the doctrine of God our Savior in all things."