



## THE WORK OF MISSIONS

Acts 1:8

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Good morning Church! As we study the familiar text of the Great Commission, let us examine our hearts and ask ourselves "Am I a man or woman who loves what God loves?" Like King David in 1 Samuel 13:14 which says, "The Lord has sought out a man after his own heart..." May we be captivated by God's heart in reaching the nations and choosing us as the means to do so. At the beginning of Acts, Luke expounds on the Kingdom authority of Jesus' own words as Christ commissions the apostles, primarily the church, to make disciples and be witnesses of the Gospel.

### Acts 1:6-11

*"So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" 7 He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. 8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." 9 And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. 10 And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, 11 and said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."*

***"An Enquiry Into The Obligation of Christians To Use Means For The Conversions of The Heathen" says,***

*"They sit at ease, and give themselves no concern about the far greater part of their fellow-sinners, who to this day, are left in ignorance and idolatry." William Carey*

*"Our own countrymen have the means of grace, and may attend on the word preached if they chose it. They have the means of knowing the truth, and faithful ministers are placed in almost every part of the land, whose spheres of action might be much extended if their congregations were but more hearty and active in the cause: but with them the case is widely different, who have no Bible, no written language, (which many of them have not) no ministers, no good civil government, nor any of those advantages which we have. Pity therefore, humanity, and much more Christianity, call loudly for every possible exertion to introduce the gospel among them." William Carey*

There is a specific task that we see throughout the thread of the gospel:

**1. Saving Faith comes by GOD'S Redemptive WORK.**

*“From an evangelical point of view, at the heart of missions lies the vital distinction between those who have access to the gospel and those who do not. Missions is ultimately about spreading the gospel to those who have not yet heard or understood the gospel of Jesus Christ.” **William Carey***

**2. Saving Faith comes by HEARING the WORDS of Christ. (Romans 10:17)**

**3. Saving Faith comes by SENDING Believers Out to SHARE the Gospel.**

Let us be encouraged to read more of God's Word, so we can understand and catch a glimpse of God's heart for mission work to those with little, to no access of the gospel and for the evangelism outreach to those we live with daily in our local LA area.

**Salvation through Jesus Christ**

*The single most important decision a person could ever make in their lifetime is to receive Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord. The Bible says, "all have sinned and fall short of God's glory" and we don't deserve eternal life because the wages of sin is death". Yet through God's love, only "Christ gives us eternal life by grace through faith"... it is a gift of God. God's word says, That if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is LORD and believe in your heart God raised Him from the dead YOU WILL BE SAVED. **The Bible says to REPENT of your sins. BELIEVE in Jesus receiving His forgiveness.** Then, identify with Christ and start living a new life in obedience to God by being BAPTIZED.*