

# Lesson 12 - Missions

**Missions** is a word we use to describe the New Testament church practice of sending men beyond their local borders to preach the gospel and establish churches. We call the men that are sent, **missionaries**.

## The Great Commission

Matthew 28:18-20 has become known as **The Great Commission**. After His resurrection and before His ascension back into heaven, Jesus gave these instructions to His church. He told them first to **teach all nations**. The word **teach** used here means to **make disciples**. So, disciples should be made in all nations of the earth. Then He said that the disciples should be baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Then, the disciples should be taught to observe Jesus' commandments. Similar instructions are given in Mark, Luke, John and Acts. Missions is not a sideline of the church. Missions is the work of the church.

### The commission in Mark.

#### Mark 16:15:

And he said unto them, \_\_\_\_\_ ye into \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_,  
and \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ creature.

### The commission in Luke.

#### Luke 24:47:

And that \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_  
should be \_\_\_\_\_ in his \_\_\_\_\_ among all \_\_\_\_\_,  
beginning at Jerusalem.

### The commission in John.

#### John 20:21:

Then said \_\_\_\_\_ to them again, \_\_\_\_\_ be unto you:  
\_\_\_\_\_ my \_\_\_\_\_ hath \_\_\_\_\_ me, even so  
\_\_\_\_\_ I \_\_\_\_\_.

### The commission in Acts.

#### Acts 1:8:

But ye shall receive \_\_\_\_\_, after that the \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ is come upon you: and ye shall be \_\_\_\_\_  
unto me both in \_\_\_\_\_, and in all \_\_\_\_\_, and in  
\_\_\_\_\_, and unto the \_\_\_\_\_ part of the  
\_\_\_\_\_.

**Assignment:** Read Matthew 28:16-20 and answer these questions.

1. Where did the eleven disciples go? v.16 \_\_\_\_\_
2. Where were they when Jesus appeared to them? v.16 \_\_\_\_\_
3. What did some do when they saw Jesus? v.17 \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. What is given to Jesus? v.18 \_\_\_\_\_
5. Where were they told to go and teach? v.19 \_\_\_\_\_
6. In what name were they to baptize? v.19 \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
7. How long did Jesus say He would be with them? v.20 \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

## How Do Churches Send Missionaries?

Since the churches in the New Testament were independent of each other and there was no governing body, each church sent its own missionaries. In Acts chapter 13 the Holy Spirit laid it on the heart of the church at Antioch to send Paul and Barnabas as missionaries and laid it on the hearts of Paul and Barnabas to go. Such is still the case. The Holy Spirit lays it upon the heart of a church to send a man to a mission field and also lays it upon the heart of a man to go. The church then sends that man, watches over him and sees that his needs are met.

**The church was involved.**

**Acts 13:1:**

*Now there were in the \_\_\_\_\_ that was at \_\_\_\_\_  
certain \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_: as \_\_\_\_\_  
and \_\_\_\_\_ that was called Niger, and \_\_\_\_\_ of  
Cyrene, and \_\_\_\_\_ which had been brought up with  
Herod the tetrarch, and \_\_\_\_\_.*

**The Holy Spirit called the men.**

**Acts 13:2:**

*As they \_\_\_\_\_ to the Lord, and \_\_\_\_\_, the  
\_\_\_\_\_ said, Separate me \_\_\_\_\_  
and \_\_\_\_\_ for the \_\_\_\_\_ whereunto I have  
\_\_\_\_\_ them.*

**The men were ordained by the church.**

**Acts 13:3:**

*And when they had \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_  
their \_\_\_\_\_ on them, they \_\_\_\_\_ them away.*

**The men left for the foreign fields.**

**Acts 13:4:**

*So they, being \_\_\_\_\_ forth by the \_\_\_\_\_,  
departed unto \_\_\_\_\_; and from thence they sailed to  
\_\_\_\_\_.*

**Assignment:** Read Romans 10:9-15 and answer these questions.

1. Where do we believe? v.9 \_\_\_\_\_
2. With what does a man believe? v.10 \_\_\_\_\_

3. Who shall not be ashamed? v.11 \_\_\_\_\_

4. Who shall be saved? v.13 \_\_\_\_\_

5. How shall a person hear? v.14 \_\_\_\_\_

6. How shall a preacher go? v.15 \_\_\_\_\_

7. Who has beautiful feet? v.15 \_\_\_\_\_

## Missions Causes Churches To Multiply

The end result of missions is to establish new churches so that they in turn can also do mission work. From the church at Jerusalem came the church at Antioch. From the church at Antioch Paul went as a missionary and many other churches were begun. From them still other missionaries went out and more churches were started. This is the New Testament plan.

**From the work of the Jerusalem church came the Antioch church.**

**Acts 11:22:**

*Then \_\_\_\_\_ of these things came unto the \_\_\_\_\_ of the  
\_\_\_\_\_ which was in \_\_\_\_\_: and they \_\_\_\_\_  
forth \_\_\_\_\_, that he should go as far as \_\_\_\_\_.*

**Paul visited the churches he had started in Syria and Cilicia.**

**Acts 15:41:**

*And he went through \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, confirming  
the \_\_\_\_\_.*

**Paul visited other churches he began.**

**Acts 16:5:**

*And so were the \_\_\_\_\_ established in the \_\_\_\_\_,  
and \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ daily.*

**Assignment:** Read Acts chapter 8 and answer these questions.

1. Where did the people from the Jerusalem church go when the great persecution came? v.1 \_\_\_\_\_
2. What did they do as they went? v.4 \_\_\_\_\_
3. Where did Philip go? v.5 \_\_\_\_\_
4. Who did the apostles at Jerusalem send to Samaria? v.14 \_\_\_\_\_
5. Philip was sent to preach to a man from what country? vs.26-27  
\_\_\_\_\_
6. Philip continued preaching in the cities until he came to what city? v.40  
\_\_\_\_\_

### Associated Missions

While churches are independent, they are also interdependent, that is, they depend on each other. One church sends out a missionary and other churches may help to support him. This is churches working together toward a common goal and is often called associated mission work. This is the way the work was carried on in the New Testament. Paul was sent out by the church at Antioch and the churches in the country of Macedonia helped to support him.

**The church at Philippi supported Paul.**

**Philippians 4:15-16:**

Now ye \_\_\_\_\_ know also, that in the beginning of the \_\_\_\_\_, when I \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_, no \_\_\_\_\_ communicated with me as concerning \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ but ye only. For even in Thessalonica ye \_\_\_\_\_ once and again unto my \_\_\_\_\_.

**Others paid so that Paul might serve the Corinthians.**

**2 Corinthians 11:8-9:**

*I robbed other \_\_\_\_\_, taking \_\_\_\_\_ of them, to do you \_\_\_\_\_. And when I was \_\_\_\_\_ with you, and \_\_\_\_\_, I was \_\_\_\_\_ to no man: for that which was \_\_\_\_\_ to me the \_\_\_\_\_ which came from \_\_\_\_\_ supplied: and in all things I have kept myself from being \_\_\_\_\_ unto you, and so will I \_\_\_\_\_ myself.*

**Assignment:** Read Philippians 4:10-19 and answer these questions.

1. What had Paul learned to be in any condition? v.11 \_\_\_\_\_
2. What could Paul do through Christ? v.13 \_\_\_\_\_
3. Did Paul desire a gift from them? v.17 \_\_\_\_\_
4. What will God supply? v.19 \_\_\_\_\_

### Witnessing

We think of missions as being to people in distant lands. However, the instructions the Lord left say we are to get the gospel to every creature. That would include our friends and neighbors. Every Christian should be a witness to those around him. Others should be told how Christ died for them and that they can be saved through faith in Him. Witnessing is telling others what Christ has done for you.

**A blessing promised for those who win others.**

**Daniel 12:3:**

*And they that be \_\_\_\_\_ shall \_\_\_\_\_ as the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Firmament; and they that \_\_\_\_\_ many to righteousness as the \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.*

**Winning friends pulls them out of the fire.**

**Jude 23:**

*And \_\_\_\_\_ save with \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ them  
out of the \_\_\_\_\_; hating even the garment \_\_\_\_\_ by the  
\_\_\_\_\_.*

**We should do whatever it takes to win men to Christ.**

**1 Corinthians 9:22:**

*To the \_\_\_\_\_ became I as \_\_\_\_\_ that I might \_\_\_\_\_  
the \_\_\_\_\_; I am made \_\_\_\_\_ things to \_\_\_\_\_ men, that  
I might by \_\_\_\_\_ means save \_\_\_\_\_.*

**Assignment:** Read John 4:34-38 and answer these questions.

1. What was meat (food) to Jesus? v.34 \_\_\_\_\_
2. What were the fields? v.35 \_\_\_\_\_
3. What does he that reaps receive? v.36 \_\_\_\_\_
4. What will the one who sows and the one who reaps do together? v.36  
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