

WHY MISSIONS?

Understanding our Biblical commission



Pain vs. Pleasure



1. Saving lives from judgment (Pain avoidance)



Acts 17:30-31

The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.

1 Thessalonians 1:9-10

...you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, and to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, *even* Jesus who delivers us from **the wrath to come.**



2 Corinthians 5:10-11a

For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things *done* in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.

Knowing, therefore, the terror of the Lord, we persuade men

**Eschatology was not an impediment
to the Apostles' evangelism; it was
the driving impetus.**



2. Give life and hope (Pleasure seeking)



1 Corinthians 15:12-14,19

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain.

If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied.



Romans 8:10-11

And if Christ is in you, the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.

John 3:16-17

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have **everlasting life**. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be **saved**.



John 10:10

The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy.
I have come that they may have **life**, and that they
may have it **more abundantly**.



2 Corinthians 5:4-5

For we who are in this tent groan, being burdened, not because we want to be unclothed, but further clothed, that mortality may be swallowed up by life. Now He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who also has given us the Spirit as a guarantee.



3. Being obedient



Matthew 28:18-20

And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. **Go therefore and make disciples of all nations**, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”



Mark 16:15-16

And He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.



2 Corinthians 5:17-21

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and **gave us the ministry of reconciliation**; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. Therefore, **we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us**. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.



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1. Saving lives, saving souls
2. Life, more abundantly
3. Being obedient



**You don't have to do
something BIG to do
something GREAT.**



Acts 1:8

But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”



GO THEREFORE

1. Family, household, sphere of influence
2. Church and community
3. Give, send, GO

