

JESUS CALLS US TO MISSIONS!

The Biblical Mandate for Missions - Are you aware and concerned about the subject of missions in your life? Why should we be concerned about the subject of missions in the first place? This is no little question, since the word, "missions" is not in itself a biblical word. The singular form, "mission" comes from the Latin language ("missio, mittere", and means most basically, "the act or an instance of sending" (Webster's 7th New Collegiate Dict.). When it is used with reference to the Christian faith, it refers to **"The sending forth of men with authority to preach or spread the gospel"** (Funk & Wagnalls Standard Dict., International Edition). This is the dictionary meaning which men have assigned to the word "missions". This meaning makes no mention of making disciples, which Bible believing churches believe is very important! Yes, the concept of sending forth individuals to preach the good news of Jesus Christ, is indeed Biblical. **Have you felt this calling? How have you or how are you responding?**

The GREAT COMMISSION BY OUR LORD!

Mat 28:18-20 And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. [19] Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, [20] teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen.

- **All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. --John 17:2 as You have given Him authority over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as You have given Him. Does your relationship/walk with Jesus truly reflect your awareness that ALL AUTHORITY has been given to Him?**
- **Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, How have you applied/lived the "Go" in your life?**
- **teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; Are you a teacher of the things which He has commanded us?**
- **and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen. Do you? Do I really understand, always, that He is with us always and forever?**

Mar 16:15 And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.....Mar 16:20 And they went out and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word through the accompanying signs. Amen.

- **"Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.....Mar 16:20 And they went out and preached everywhere, Again how is the "Go...and preach the gospel to every creature" being applied by you in your life?**
- **the Lord working with them and confirming the word through the accompanying signs. Amen. Are you aware of the Lord working with you? confirming the word through the power of the Holy Spirit?**

Luk 24:47-49 and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. [48] And you are witnesses of

these things. [49] Behold, I send the Promise of My Father upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high."

- *that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. How are you preaching the repentance and remission of sins to those in your life?*
- *And you are witnesses of these things. What kind of a witness are you? Am I?*
- *Behold, I send the Promise of My Father upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high." Have you been baptized with the overflowing power of the Holy Spirit? Do you see the evidence of the power of the Holy Spirit working in your life?*

Joh 20:21b-22 As the Father has sent Me, I also send you." [22] And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit.

- *As the Father has sent (apostello – to dispatch someone for the achievement of some objective, send away/out) Me, I also send (apostello) you." Are you aware that we are being sent the very same way as Jesus was sent by the Father?*
- *And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Have you received the power of the Holy Spirit?*

Act 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."

- *"But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses... Again, have you received the power of the Holy Spirit? In what ways?*

SUMMARY

Jesus has commanded all believers to be missionaries; to be sent into this dark and dying world to proclaim the gospel and make disciples; teaching them to observe all things that He has commanded. To be His vessels of love and hope through His death and His resurrection.

How are you, how am I responding to this calling?

Samuel - 1 Samuel 3:9 – "Speak, Lord, for your servant hears"!!

Isaiah - Is. 6:8 – "Here am I, send me"!!

Paul – Acts 9:6 – "Lord, what do You want me to do"?

"SANCTUARY"

*Lord prepare me, to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living, sanctuary, for you. [2x]*