



WHAT IS MISSIONS

DISCIPLESHIP RECAP

Discipleship not only involves the process of becoming a disciple but of making other disciples through teaching and evangelism.

Byrley, C. (2014). Discipleship. D. Mangum, D. R. Brown, R. Klippenstein, & R. Hurst (Eds.), Lexham Theological Wordbook. Bellingham, WA: Lexham Press.

- ✓ A person who follows Jesus Christ and His teachings
- ✓ A person who seeks to do the will of God by having a relationship with Christ (through the Holy Spirit)
- ✓ A person who believed that Jesus Christ is the Son of God
- ✓ A person who disciple others to follow Jesus (missions!)

LESSON OBJECTIVES

- understand what missions is

THE GREAT COMMISSION

*18 Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 **Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.** And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." - Matthew 28:18-20 (NIV)*

WORD STUDY – MISSION(S)

From Latin, *missionem* (nominative *missio*)

- “a sending abroad”
- First used by the Jesuits (Society of Jesus, a religious order of the Catholic Church) in 1590s
- *Missio* = “act of sending, a dispatching”

Missions not mentioned in the Bible

This idea of being send out is frequent in the Bible

God the Father sends Jesus the Son to earth

DEFINITION

MISSION(S) Task on which God sends a person that He has called, particularly a mission to introduce another group of people to salvation in Christ. In the Christian context the person sent is called a missionary. This person is charged with the task of spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ to people to whom he is sent. The mission of the churches is to send our missionaries to all parts of the world until everyone has had the opportunity to hear the message of Jesus and accept Him as Lord. Interestingly, the term mission is not found in the Scriptures, yet the concept of mission permeates the entire Bible.

Source: Brand, C., Draper, C., England, A., Bond, S., Clendenen, E. R., Butler, T. C., & Latta, B. (Eds.). (2003). In *Holman Illustrated Bible Dictionary* (p. iii). Nashville, TN: Holman Bible Publishers.



FIRST THOUGHTS WHEN
YOU THINK OF MISSIONS?



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David Livingston coffin back to British from Africa
The person is his convert.



MISSIONARY STEREOTYPES

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<https://missionexus.org/why-they-dont-go-surveying-the-next-generation-of-mission-workers/>

Why the next generation don't want to go to missions

Our survey indicates that materialism, rather than pluralism, is a far more significant barrier.

Self-Centeredness

It seems that the self-centeredness of our culture which makes it hard for young people to commit to long-term missionary service is, in fact, perpetuated in the very churches which they attend. For example, while the renewed emphasis on corporate worship is a good thing, the nature of that worship is all-too-often “me-centered.” Having an emotional experience with God, even when genuine, has not necessarily translated into a commitment to the world for which he gave his Son. Nor is the “have this mind in you which was in Christ Jesus” of Philippians 2 proclaimed as a challenge to sacrificial service.

PAUL'S FIRST MISSIONARY TRIP

2 While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." 3 So after they had fasted and prayed, they placed their hands on them and sent them off. – Acts 13:2-3 (NIV)

It is the HS that said...

Missions is led by God, will explore this in the next session
Paul and Barnabas preached to Cyprus, Pisidian Antioch
People believe in Jesus

PAUL'S SECOND MISSIONARY TRIP

Some time later Paul said to Barnabas, "Let us go back and visit the believers in all the towns where we preached the word of the Lord and see how they are doing."

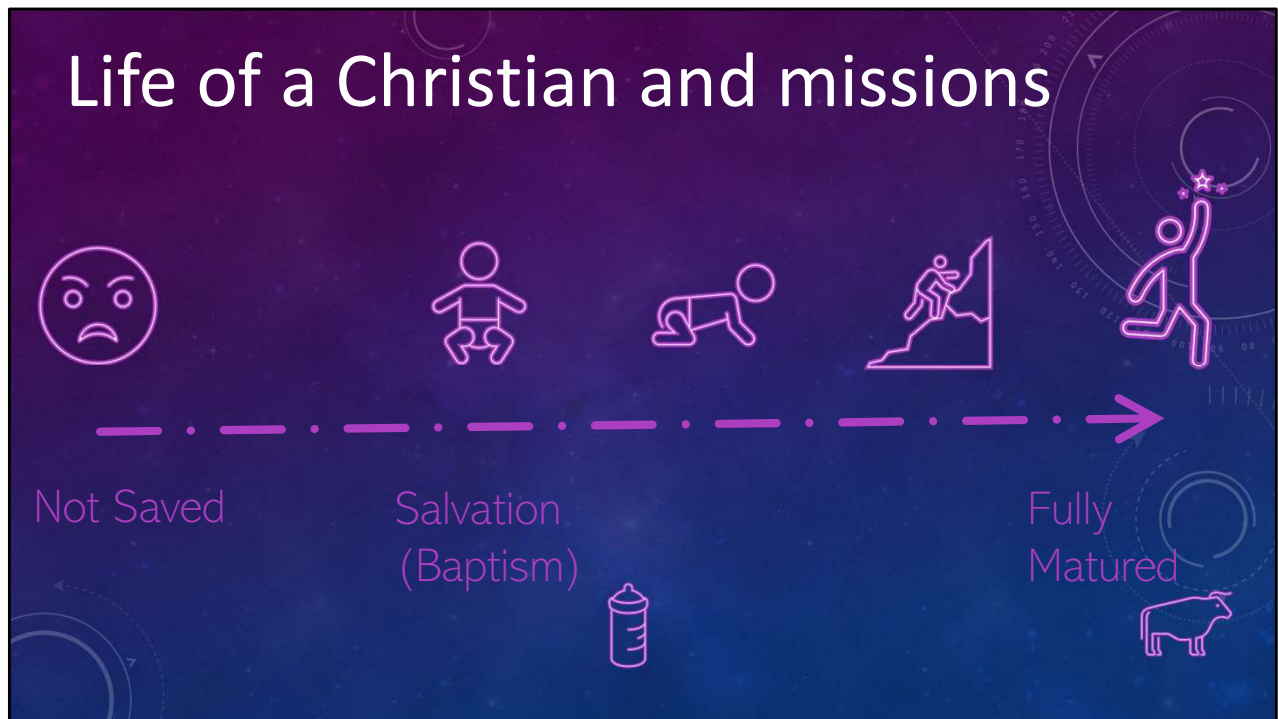
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He went through Syria and Cilicia, strengthening the churches

- Acts 15:36, 41 (NIV)

Not just share the Good News (which he did),
He also build up the local church in Syria and Cilicia

Life of a Christian and missions



Col 1:28 - He is the one we proclaim, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone fully mature in Christ.

The idea of perfecting, but heads towards perfection

Moves one notch to the right

Milk bottle - Meat

Life of a Christian and missions



Before knowing Jesus is evangelism
After knowing Jesus is Discipleship

It is progression

Missions is about going out to do so

Local missions – where your church and your live

Overseas missions – overseas

END GAME

*After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from **every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb.** They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands.*

- Revelations 7:9 (NIV)

What are we trying to achieve?
What is the end game looks like?

**MISSIONS IS NOT THE ULTIMATE GOAL
OF THE CHURCH. WORSHIP IS. MISSIONS
EXISTS BECAUSE WORSHIP DOESN'T.**

JOHN PIPER

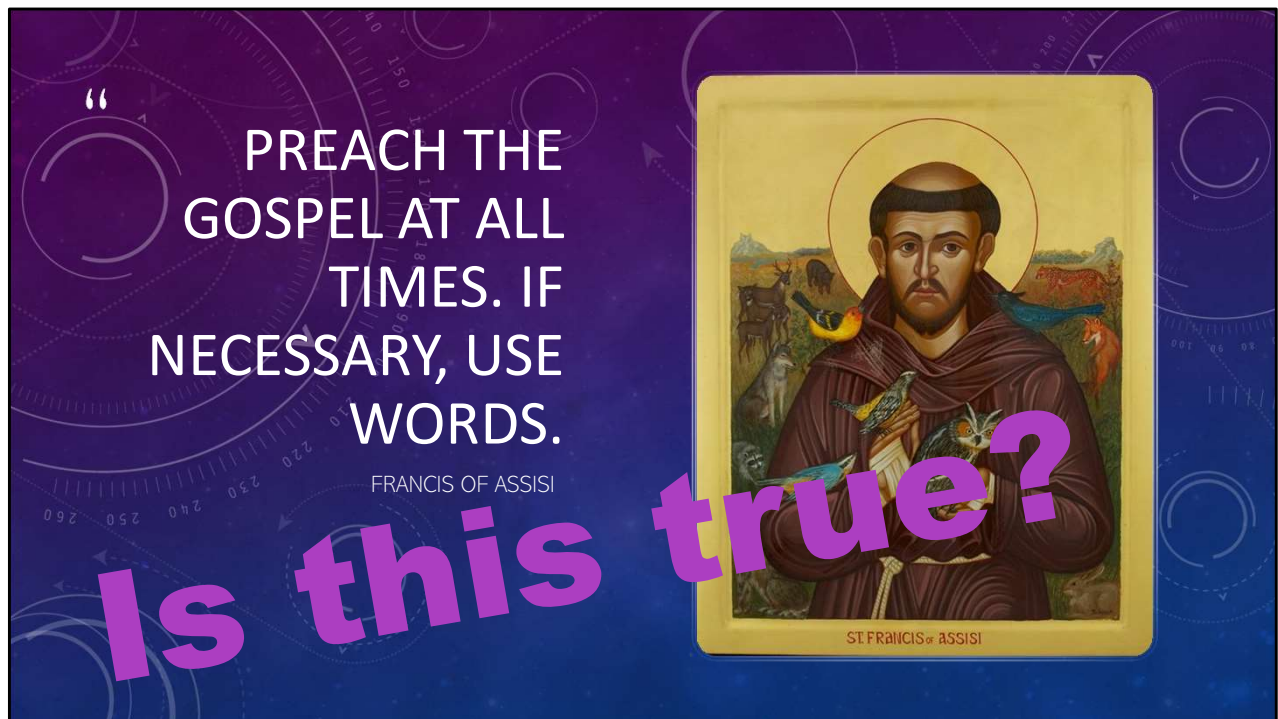
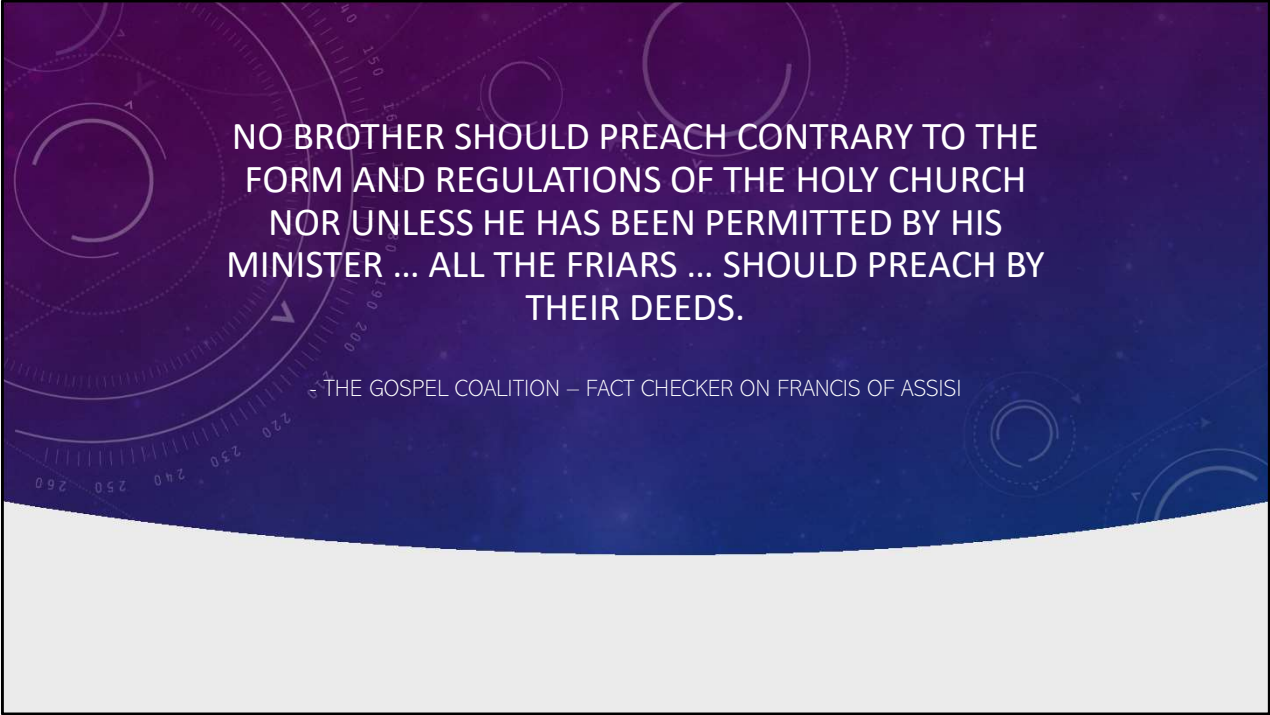


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- Did he really say that? Is it really true?
 - o Actions and words come together

Can you be just a good doctor, don't use words to tell people about Jesus and be a good Christian?

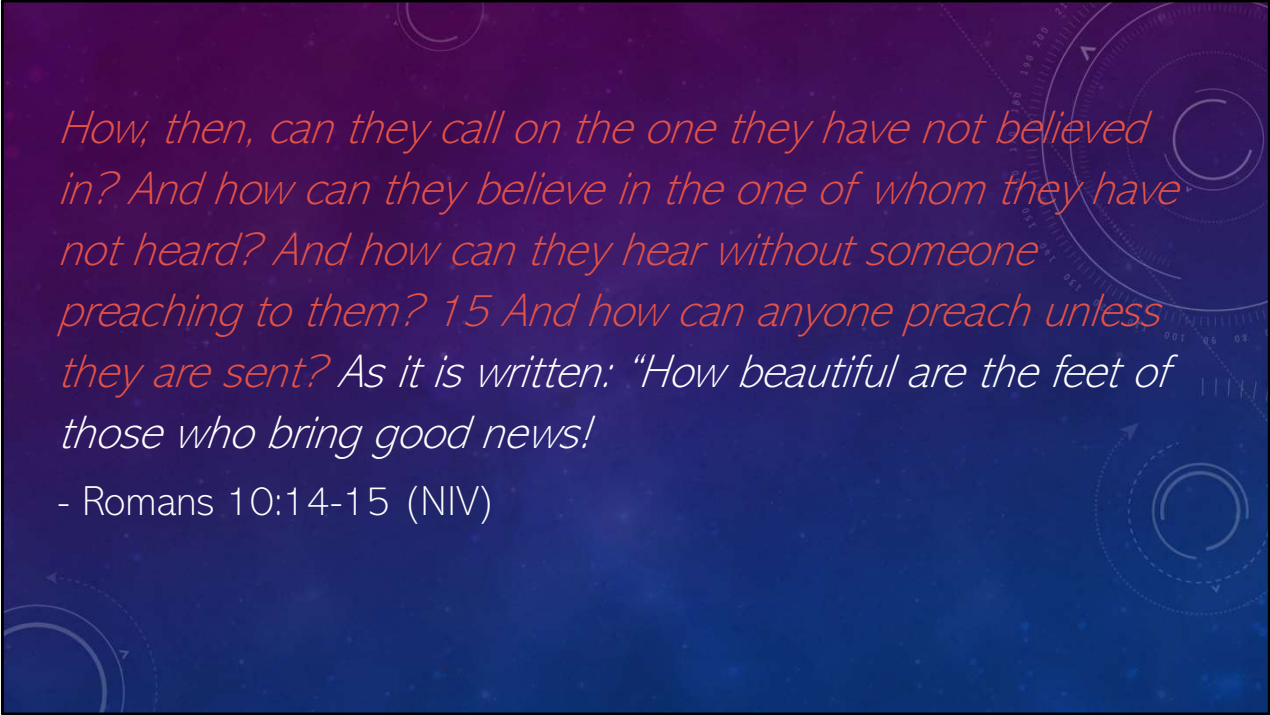


NO BROTHER SHOULD PREACH CONTRARY TO THE
FORM AND REGULATIONS OF THE HOLY CHURCH
NOR UNLESS HE HAS BEEN PERMITTED BY HIS
MINISTER ... ALL THE FRIARS ... SHOULD PREACH BY
THEIR DEEDS.

THE GOSPEL COALITION – FACT CHECKER ON FRANCIS OF ASSISI

<https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/article/factchecker-misquoting-francis-of-assisi/>

Our man clearly spent a great deal of time using his words when he preached, “sometimes preaching in up to five villages a day, often outdoors. In the country, Francis often spoke from a bale of straw or a granary doorway. In town, he would climb on a box or up steps in a public building. He preached to . . . any who gathered to hear the strange but fiery little preacher from Assisi.” He was sometimes so animated and passionate in his delivery that “his feet moved as if he were dancing.”



How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? 15 And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

- Romans 10:14-15 (NIV)

Words and actions come together



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A good example of missions in John 4 – Samaritan lady at the well

- Lady met Jesus
- Lady believed Jesus is the Messiah
- Lady goes tell others about Jesus
- The village came and they believed in Jesus
- The lady was doing missions (without even realizing

it!)

Jesus said some sow and some reap

- Sometimes we sow and sometimes we reap

39 Many of the Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I ever did." 40 So when the Samaritans came to him, they urged him to stay with them, and he stayed two days. 41 And because of his words many more became believers.

- John 4:39-41 (NIV)

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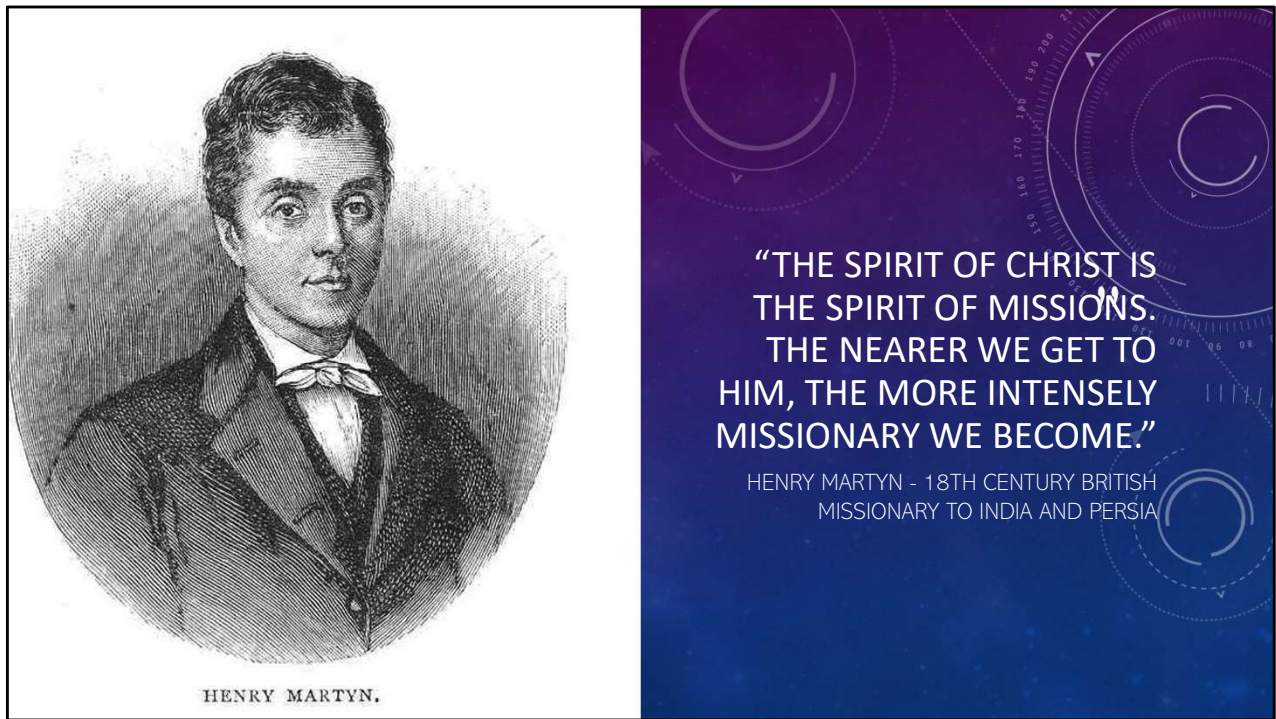


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MISSION(S) IS...

- Send out by God to do His work
 - Words and deeds
- To preach the Good News of Jesus
- To build up the Church

Help someone moves one notch to the right!



Not Saved



Salvation
(Baptism)



Fully Matured

EVANGELISM

DISCIPLESHIP

NEXT WEEK: HIS MISSIONS, NOT OURS

- Need to do some reading before hand
- Write to cliff.tam@gmail.com for any questions, suggestions, and thoughts!
- Feedback at bit.ly/audienceofonefeedback