

# Church Directives

## (4) Missions, the Goal

### *The History of Missions for the Church*

Where does the Church receive its mandate for missions? Mt.28:16-20

**From Jesus! “Go and make disciples of all the nations...”. It is the Great Commission.**

How did Jesus ‘amplify’ this command immediately before He ascended? Acts.1:7-8

**“...you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, Judea / Samaria, and to the ends of the earth”**

Was this command quickly and easily adopted by the Jewish believers? Acts 10:23-48

**Absolutely not! It was ‘counter cultural’ for Jews to go to ‘the nations’, i.e. Gentiles.**

What was the practical *method* for obeying the Great Commission? Gal.2:1-10 see vs.9

**Some were called to evangelize the Jews, some to evangelize the Gentiles. Same Gospel!**

Peter ministered at Jerusalem. Paul / Barnabas travelled the world. What’s the principle?

**Evangelize wherever God places you! Some at home, some near home, some to ??**

What is also obvious about Paul’s missionary trips? Acts 13:2; 18:1-3; 20:1-6 (note ‘he’-> ‘we’)

**Paul had supporters! Barnabas, Dr. Luke, Aquila, Priscilla, etc. Crucial to Missions!**

What are the “2 rails” of Church Missions? Acts 1:8; IPet.3:8-15; Lu.10:1-2; Acts 13:2

**1. Personal (you, be ready...) 2. Corporate (sent ones). Usually recognized/supported.**

### *The primary goal of Corporate Missions...Rom.10:1-15*

What is the non-negotiable primary goal of Missions? Mt.28:16-20

**Make disciples, baptize them, teach them to observe all that I (Jesus) commanded you.**

What is the ONLY way to make disciples of any ‘nation’? Rom.1:16; **ICor.15:3-5**

**ONLY the Gospel, complete finished work of Christ, can save, make a disciple.**

How does the salvation process work? What does the Lord require? Rom.10:10-13

**The sinner must call on the name of the Lord, that is Christ, (for salvation).**

But what’s obviously required *before* anyone can call on the Lord? Rom.10:14

**They can’t call (10:13) on Christ if they haven’t believed in Him. His completed work.**

What’s the obvious pre-requirement to *believing* in Christ (the Gospel)? Rom.10:14

**Can’t believe in Christ if they haven’t heard of Christ. I Cor.15:3-5, the Gospel.**

In order to hear of Christ, what must happen? 10:14 see Acts 1:7-8

**Can’t hear of Christ without a preacher (teacher, herald). You shall be witnesses of Me.**

And finally, what about those who ‘preach’? 10:15 Lu.10:1-2; Acts 13:1-3

**They must be sent by the Lord. Often recognized / supported by the Church.**

Summarize Paul’s teaching here in Romans 10.

**Our part in corporate missions is to send preachers to proclaim the Gospel of Christ.**