

Our Mission Minded God

Part 1

Matthew 28:18-20

I. Evangelism and Missions.

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.” **Mat 28:18-20**

“Suppose a brother or sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to him, “Go, I wish you well; keep warm and well fed,” but does nothing about his physical needs, what good is it? In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.” **James 2:15-17**

II. Our commitment to evangelism will sometimes include a missions component. Our commitment to missions is a distinct commitment to:

1. Meeting the physical needs of believers and unbelievers both locally and abroad.
2. Provide material and spiritual support to Christian brothers and sisters who are serving the purposes of Christ in regions of the world that are desperately lacking gospel messengers and Christian mercy ministries.

III. Perhaps the most basic and most surprising motivation for engaging in missions is knowing that God wants to be in relationship with people.

“This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.” **2 Timothy 2:3-4**

He doesn't need to but He desires to.

IV. Why Missions?

1. We are missional because God is missional.

"World missions was on God's mind from the beginning." - Dave Davidson

If it is proper to say that God is missional, then we must say this was His personality before it was expressed in response to sin.

"Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh". **Genesis 2:24**

2. We are missional because God tells us to be.

"Go into all the world and make disciples". The Great Commission

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3. We are missional because we are being changed into God's image and this is an essential component of God's personality.

"The spirit of Christ is the spirit of missions. The nearer we get to Him, the more intensely missionary we become." -- Henry Martyn, missionary and Bible translator to India and Persia. First Sailed to India age 24. Died age 31.