

God's Glorious Mission

A Vision for Missions

Rooted in the Attributes of God

The purpose of Scripture is: To Glorify God

Scriptures priority is: The revelation of Jesus Christ

Missions purpose is to glorify God through the revelation of Jesus Christ

By the WORD OF GOD

By Christ being revealed in His people

Rooted in the Character of God

The message of the Gospel is rooted in the attributes of God

We must present an accurate message or we pervert the character of God

“God is worthy to be known and proclaimed for who He is and that fact is an important part of the missionary motive and message” - Tom Wells

What drives us to the “mission field”

A need will not keep you on the mission field. People will rebuke you and repel you.

What keeps a missionary going?

What is the primary purpose of God's mission

Meeting needs?

Without a proper view of God and His mission you will lose optimism and heart

CAN GOD'S MISSION EVER FAIL?

HAS CHRIST STOPPED BEING REVEALED, NOT NECESSARILY “ACCEPTED” BUT BEING REVEALED TO THE WORLD?

God's Mission and Human Need

It is part of the revelation of Jesus Christ in and through the believer that allows this to occur

We live according to what we believe

We do not meet needs just for the sake of meeting needs

The world even in sin can do that and sometimes does better than Christians

History is HIS-STORY

God's mission throughout human history is to bring a people to himself for His glory

His glory and it can only be done through the revelation of Jesus Christ who is the priority of Scripture

1 Cor.1:18 For the word of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

God's Mission and Human Need

Regardless of how it is viewed it is the revelation of Jesus Christ

Whether the hearing of the gospel is life changing or not Christ is revealed according to God's Mission.

What men see as foolishness is God's wisdom and He does what He pleases

This is why it is not first about meeting needs but about glorifying God through the preaching of the Gospel.

Wisdom is an attribute of God and it is perfect regardless of what men say or understand.

But meeting needs is valid because it expresses the mercy of God

How do you reconcile years of work of meeting needs for the needy and then a “natural disaster” wipes out everything that was built to help the needy?

You must understand the Sovereignty of God in all things according to the wisdom of God as He moves redemption; His-Story to its end

"All the inhabitants of the earth are accounted as nothing, But He does according to His will in the host of heaven And *among* the inhabitants of earth; And no one can ward off His hand Or say to Him, ‘What have You done?’ Dan.4:35

Even the final destruction of all things by fire culminates in the revelation of Jesus Christ as a wrathful judge to the condemned and as the final and fulfilled hope for those who are Christ's by God's grace. 2 Pet3:7. 2:Pet3:13

Both results are rooted in the attribute of God's patience.

God is patient with a world of sinners until His appointed time to save whom He will ends and He is patient with us to allow us to grow more in the grace and knowledge of Christ.

God's Mission-His Sovereignty

From a human point of view, Christians have continually failed in reaching the world with the Gospel.

From God's point of view everything is just as it should be in His-Story or He is not a Sovereign God.

It is a matter of both.

Those around the throne will represent the world at large. Rev 5:

Our failure and human sin CANNOT ever deter the mission of God.

God is worthy of being known for who He is and He is known through the revelation of JESUS CHRIST

Heb.1:1 God's Mission-His Sovereignty

God is faithful to His mission.

To bring glory to himself every promise of judgment will be kept

To bring glory to Himself every promise to His people will be kept

To bring glory to Himself He is faithful to His own first goal of having a people to worship Him

This should motivate missions as nothing else can

The end is in God's purpose and decree from eternity not in what we have or have not done

We are a means God uses.....He has not done His part and “now it is up to us.”

Salvation is the work of God

“Good evangelism is directing people's attention to the truth and value of the gospel in the power of the Holy Spirit. Worship is the gathering of God's people to celebrate the truth and value of the gospel in the power of the Holy Spirit. Therefore it may well be that for many, many unbelievers the decisive, culminating witness to the truth of Christ will come when they sit in the midst of people whose intensity and authenticity of worship draws them irresistibly into the banquet hall of God's salvation. “ John Piper

EVANGELISM IS NOT AN EVENT,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,It is expressing the gladness of God

Your Personal Witness

When all the programs and seminars and meetings have come and gone, the greatest means of compelling people to come into the kingdom of Christ will remain your personal witness to the truth and greatness of Jesus and how you are satisfied in Him. YOU are the salt of the earth. YOU are the light of the world.

God's Mission-His Sovereignty

Pray everyday that God would give you good opportunities and power to commend Christ. And pray that he will be preparing others to be open. (Romans 10:1)

God's Mission-His Sovereignty

Portray Christ by the way you love others and by the humble integrity of your work. (Matthew 5:16)

God's Mission-His Sovereignty

Pursue those who are willing to talk and who have questions. (2 Corinthians 5:11)1

God's Mission-His Sovereignty

Plead with those for whom God gives you a special affection and longing. (Acts 26:29)

Remember: you are a means for God to be glorified through the revelation of Jesus Christ.....He does the saving work.

The Character of the Missionary

- Demonstrated by a person who is possessed by God.
- Rooted in the character of God

1Co 6:20 For you have been bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body.

2 Pet:1:3 seeing that His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining His own glory and excellence. 4 For by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises, so that by them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world by lust.

The Character of the Missionary

- Is rooted in the character of God
- A person who pursues holiness
- There is no such thing as a carnal Christian. It is an oxymoron.
- Every believer has been made holy
- The simplest definition is different.
- We have been made different from all other men even though we still share some common things.
- We pursue holiness by growing in our dependence upon God's grace.
- His grace has provided all we need to not only be holy but the enablement to live in holiness unto the glory of God.
- We are assured of these things by clinging to the promises that are for us in Christ.
- It is not about doing first, it is about trusting first knowing that the trust enables us to do and the Holy Spirit empowers us to do
- Prayer based on God's word
 - Increases trust in the promises of God
 - Confirms who we are in Christ
 - Motivates us by the Holy Spirit to act according to who we are in Christ

- Sound doctrine leads to right living (regardless of our circumstances) which leads us to an increased hope because we know we are growing in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ.

- It's not about measuring growth. It is ABOUT KNOWING THAT YOU LOVE CHRIST MORE. Any failure for the believer is not final because of grace.

The Character of the Missionary

- Failure is a means that causes us to be determined to love Christ more because we realize the greatness of forgiveness from God for our sin
- We must learn that there was grace that saved us, grace that sustains us, grace that secures us now and future grace that keeps us forever
- Failure is a means to find my sufficiency in Christ because He never fails. My failure is part of God's purpose where He will be more glorified because of His grace towards us
- Do not be afraid of failure because you will fail at times
- Embrace it as a means to love Christ more
- "He who began a good work in you (giving you a new heart) will perfect it until the day of Jesus Christ". Phil. 1:6
- *You cannot perfect your new heart - it is the work of God*
- What we do is live out the transformation that is increasing inwardly as we love Christ more
- As we love Christ more we love our neighbors more therefore we are obeying the Law of Christ

- Then we are growing in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ

The Character of the Missionary

- If you love Christ and your neighbor as an incurable lover of Christ you will delight in glorifying God by revealing Jesus Christ
- Your passion for Christ will intensify (a better word than grow)
- Your Gospel message will be certain and clear because it will be rooted in the character of God
- What we are saying is that holiness is practical
- What is Practical Holiness?(the outworking of the new heart)
 - Obedience to God's Word in the everyday life.(loving God)
 - The fruit of the Holy Spirit.(Gods provision of holy character) His produce not ours
 - Genuine love for other people.
- When we have this character we can apply it to any work that God has ordained for us.
- Eph 2:10 For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.
- The work flows from the character, the character flows into the work