

## Message Notes

### February 27, 2011 “Missions”

Usually, when we think of missions, we think of The Great Commission given by Jesus on the mountain. But it didn't begin there.

1. A Compassionate God – **John 3:16-17**
  - a. God's love is extravagant - “God SO loved”
    - i. It is infinite – **Jeremiah 31:3**
    - ii. It is incomprehensible – **Ephesians 3:19**
    - iii. It is indiscriminate – **Romans 5:8**
  - b. God's love is exhaustive – “the world”
    - i. See **2 Peter 3:9**
    - ii. Also **1 Timothy 2:4**
  - c. God's love is expressive – “that He gave”
    - i. Talking to Satan – **Genesis 3:15**
    - ii. This verse is called protevangelium – first pronouncement of the Gospel
    - iii. Just when the time was right – **Galatians 4:4-5**
2. A Compelling Message – **Romans 1:14-16** and **1 Corinthians 9:16**
  - a. It is a distinct message
    - i. Every major religion relies upon performance for salvation
      1. Hinduism preaches a fourfold path
      2. Buddhism leads its followers down an eightfold path
      3. The salvation offered by Islam rests upon Five Pillars
      4. In Catholicism, salvation is gained through fulfilling 3 of the 7 sacraments
    - ii. The Gospel centers, not on a path, but upon a Person
      1. See **John 14:6**
      2. Also **Acts 4:12**
      3. And **Acts 13:38**
  - b. It is a dynamic message. – **Romans 1:16-17**
    - i. The Gospel is precise - **1 Corinthians 15:1-4**
      1. Many religious messages
      2. Only one qualifies as THE Gospel
    - ii. Christ died for our sins, was buried, rose again
    - iii. The Gospel is powerful
      1. It cannot save until it has been believed
      2. It cannot be believed until it is first heard
      3. It cannot be heard until it is first proclaimed

3. A Commissioned People – **Mark 16:15-16**
  - a. Every Christian is to be involved in one way or another
  - b. Global Missions
    - i. Isn't optional, it is imperative
    - ii. Isn't exclusive, it is inclusive
  - c. Every person is evangelized
  - d. The Power for Missions **vv. 16-18** – the Holy Spirit
  - e. The Plan for Missions **vv. 19-**
  - f. The promise for missions in Jesus **v. 20**
4. Summary
  - a. Global Missions rests on three foundations
    - i. A Compassionate God
    - ii. A Compelling Message
    - iii. A Commissioned People
  - b. Is the Lord calling you beyond your comfort zone?

**The Bottom Line Promise: Matthew 28:18-20**