

Why Missions
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Reading

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Prayer -Melton, T.G.. Valley of Vision Remix: Our Triune God, Vol. 1 (pp. 72-73)

O Triune God, my Creator and Redeemer! You are the Author of all Creation! You are the Source of all Salvation! Father,

I adore you:

- for making me able to know you by your grace,
- for giving me the ability to think,
- for making me conscious of my sin,
- for blessing me with a desire to know you, and
- for your gospel of salvation.
- for the way you reveal yourself in the gospel,
- for your heart as a dwelling place of compassion,
- for your thoughts of peace towards me,
- for your patience and your graciousness, and
- for the incredible depth of your mercy.

Holy Spirit, I praise you! You have moved my mind to realize that:

• the guilty can be forgiven, • the unholy can be made pure, and • the poor can be made rich. May I always stand with those: • who know you, • who walk with you, • who rejoice in you, • who trust in your Word, • who are humble in your presence, • who daily receive your present salvation, • who delight in the comfort of your joy, and • who feed on your spiritual graces and blessings.

King Jesus, help me

• to value my call to love as much as my kingdom privileges, • to cherish simplicity rather than self-exaltation, • to value being formed in the image of my King, • to be authentic in your presence, • to be honest in the presence of others, • to love your gospel before I profess your gospel, • to reject the world as I receive the church, • to set my affections on things in heaven, • to turn away from sin and selfishness, • to bear the evil inflicted against me, • to produce the fruits of the Holy Spirit, and • to drink your grace with the intention of showing grace to others.

O Triune God, make me worthy of your calling, so your presence may be fully glorified in me, that I may be completely satisfied in you. Amen

Intro

What is missions

Mission comes from the Latin word Misso = Sent
Missio is the Principle foundation of the Church

Everybody here is called to WORLD evangelism! By going and sending.

Who Has Jesus Sent

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Answer: He has sent His Church

The Great Commission

Matthew 28:18–20

18 And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

19 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,

20 teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

Mark 16:15

15 And he said to them, “Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation.

Luke 24:46–47

46 and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead,

47 and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.

What Purpose

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Jonathan Edwards - “The creation of the world seems to have been especially for this end, **that the eternal Son of God might obtain a spouse towards whom he might fully** exercise the infinite benevolence of his nature, and to whom he might, as it were, open and pour forth all that immense fountain of condescension, love, and grace that was in his heart, and that in this way God might be glorified.”

Because It is ALL GODS

CREATION-

Genesis 1:1 – “In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth”

Psalms 24 – “The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it;”

He Will Be Glorified - THIS IS WHAT HISTORY IS MOVING TOWARD

Isaiah 2:2-3

2 It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be lifted up above the hills; and all the nations shall flow to it,

3 and many peoples shall come, and say: “Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.” For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

Why Are We Sent

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God has ordained that Preaching be the means

Romans 10:13-15

13 For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

14 How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching?

15 And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!”

We are to Preach and SEND Preachers

When Are We To Fulfill This Mission

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19 And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth.

20 “I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word,

All times everywhere

2 Corinthians 5:18–19

18 All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation;

19 that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.

Where are we to go

ALL THE WORLD! Or Send

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At Creation - Adam and Eve are made in the image of God

Be fruitful and Multiply... To subdue the earth, The image bears of God are to Cover the globe for the Glory of God

At Fall - All fall short:

Redemption:

John 3:16–18

16 "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

17 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

18 Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.

Till Consummation:

Revelation 7:9

9 After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands,