

III. THE MISSIONARIES GO (13:4)

A. Missionaries go and proclaim Christ.

"13 For "whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved."

14 How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher?

15 And how shall they preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, Who bring glad tidings of good things!" Romans 10:13-15

B. Missionaries go and bear the culture.

"19 For though I am free from all men, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win the more; 20 and to the Jews I became as a Jew, that I might win Jews; to those who are under the law, as under the law, that I might win those who are under the law;

21 to those who are without law, as without law (not being without law toward God, but under law toward Christ, that I might win those who are without law;

22 to the weak I became as weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all men, that I might by all means save some.

23 Now this I do for the gospel's sake, that I may be partaker of it with you." I Corinthians 9:19-23

Let's Be World Changers!

"...These who have turned the world upside down have come here too." Acts 17:6b

BE A WORLD CHANGER

Sending With Joy

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INTRODUCTION

A. What is our Global Missions Focus?

Mission: Making sure that everyone in the world hears the Gospel of Jesus Christ correctly and planting New Testament churches among those who believe.

"23 So when they had appointed elders in every church, and prayed with fasting, they commended them to the Lord in whom they had believed.

24 And after they had passed through Pisidia, they came to Pamphylia.

25 Now when they had preached the word in Perga, they went down to Attalia.

26 From there they sailed to Antioch, where they had been commended to the grace of God for the work which they had completed.

27 Now when they had come and gathered the church together, they reported all that God had done with them, and that He had opened the door of faith to the Gentiles." Acts 14:23-27

B. The theme of our 2017 Global Missions Focus is "BE A WORLD CHANGER".

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C. BE A WORLD CHANGER, will challenge and teach you how to change the world for Jesus Christ. This six part series features the following messages:

July 2	Be A World Changer
July 9	Witnessing With Power
July 16	Preaching The Gospel
July 23	Going For Disciples
July 30	Giving By Faith
TODAY	Sending With Joy

D. TEXT: Acts 13:1-4 (Pew Bible/Pg.1089/New Testament)

HOW TO SEND WITH JOY

I. THE **HOLY** **SPIRIT** CALLS (13:1-2)

A. The Holy Spirit **leads** Christians .

"For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God." Romans 8:14

B. The Holy Spirit **places** missionaries.

"6 Now when they had gone through Phrygia and the region of Galatia, they were forbidden by the Holy Spirit to preach the word in Asia.

7 After they had come to Mysia, they tried to go into Bithynia, but the Spirit did not permit them.

8 So passing by Mysia, they came down to Troas.

9 And a vision appeared to Paul in the night. A man of Macedonia stood and pleaded with him, saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us."

10 Now after he had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go to Macedonia, concluding that the Lord had called us to preach the gospel to them."

Acts 16:6-10

II. THE **CHURCH** SENDS (13:3)

A. The church sends by **praying**.

"Brethren, pray for us." I Thessalonians 5:25

"2 Continue earnestly in prayer, being vigilant in it with thanksgiving;

3 meanwhile praying also for us, that God would open to us a door for the word, to speak the mystery of Christ, for which I am also in chains,"

Colossians 4:2-3

"36 But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd.

37 Then He said to His disciples, "The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few.

38 Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest." Matthew 9:36-38

B. The church sends by **giving**.

"17 Command those who are rich in this present age not to be haughty, nor to trust in uncertain riches but in the living God, who gives us richly all things to enjoy.

18 Let them do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to give, willing to share,"

I Timothy 6:17-18

The Faith Promise Missionary Offering system is...

A COVENANT BETWEEN GOD AND YOU, TO GIVE REGULARLY TO WORLDWIDE MISSIONS, THAT WHICH THE LORD LEADS YOU TO GIVE BY FAITH.

A “FAITH PROMISE MISSIONARY OFFERING” can be defined as:

Faith: This means you are trusting God to provide the money for your commitment.

Promise: This means that if God will do His part in providing the money you will do your part in giving it back to Him.

Missionary: This means that your designated gift will be used for supporting the missionary program of our church.

Offering: This means you are giving this amount over and above your tithe (10%) and other special offerings, which should be given to support the General Fund.

"Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, That there may be food in My house, And try Me now in this," Says the LORD of hosts, "If I will not open for you the windows of heaven And pour out for you such blessing That there will not be room enough to receive it." Malachi 3:10