

Four Biblical Reasons WHY we Should Engage in Global Missions

1. The Great Commission of Jesus Christ to the Church. *Matthew 28:19-20*
2. The covenant that God made with Abraham. *Genesis 12:2*
3. Through Abraham's offspring, all the nations would be blessed. *Galatians 3:7-9*
4. God's plan was to bless the nations by justifying the Gentiles / heathen.

Two Biblical events that emphatically declares God's commitment to global missions, and the instrumentality of men and women to carry it out.

1. God made a Promise / Covenant with Abraham

Genesis 12:1-2 (nlt) The Lord had said to Abram, ... I will make you into a great nation. I will bless you and make you famous, and you will be a blessing to others.

God strengthened that promise by making an oath to bless Abraham on the basis of his obedience. *"I SWEAR by my own name..." Genesis 22:16a*

This is supported in the book of Hebrews.

Hebrews 6:13-14 (nlt) For example, there was God's promise to Abraham. Since there was no one greater to swear by, God took an oath in his own name, saying: 14: "I will certainly bless you, and I will multiply your descendants beyond number."

Hebrews 6:17-18 (nlt) God also bound himself with an oath, so that those who received the promise could be perfectly sure that he would never change his mind. 18: So God has given both his promise and his oath. These two things are unchangeable because it is impossible for God to lie.

The promise specifically identifies that it would be Abraham's descendants that would be the ones who would carry this blessing to the nations

Genesis 22:17-18 (nlt) "I will certainly bless you. I will multiply your descendants And through your descendants all the nations of the earth will be blessed - all because you have obeyed me."

2. God preached the gospel, the good news - to Abraham

Galatians 3:7-9 (nkjv) Therefore know that only those who are of faith are sons of Abraham. 8: And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel to Abraham beforehand, saying, "In you all the nations shall be blessed." 9: So then those who are of faith are blessed with believing Abraham.

Long before Jesus was born, died, and rose from the dead - before there was an actual gospel, God preached the good news to Abraham

So, the gospel is really about all the nations being blessed through Abraham's offspring.

Abram's children - referring to his biological children Isaac, Jacob his descendants up to and including today who are *"of faith"*.

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As believers in Jesus Christ, we are the children of Abraham and share in the same blessings as Abraham's.

As Abraham's children we are obligated to fully engage in Christ's global cause of blessing the nations.

This is the mandate of every follower of Christ, and the stewardship entrusted to the church of Jesus Christ, to be proactively involved in blessing the nations.

This activity is not optional or left to personal preferences or deferred to others to be responsible for.

Like the apostle Paul, we are debtors to the nations.

Romans 1:14 (nkjv) I am a debtor both to Greeks and to barbarians, both to wise and to unwise.

(NLT) For I have a great sense of obligation to people in both the civilized world and the rest of the world, to the educated and uneducated alike.

We have been entrusted with a stewardship which must be carried out with faithfulness and fervent zeal.

1 Corinthians 9:17 I have a stewardship entrusted to me.

A sacred trust has been given to us.

1 Corinthians 9:17 (nlt) If I were doing this on my own initiative, I would deserve payment. But I have no choice, for God has given me this sacred trust.

We have no choice - we are compelled!

1 Corinthians 9:16-17 I am compelled by God to do it. How terrible for me if I didn't preach the Good News!

Necessity is laid on us.

1 Corinthians 9:16a (web) for necessity is laid on me...;

The promise that God made to Abraham was binding upon God's integrity and could not be changed or invalidated!

Galatians 3:17-18 (net) What I am saying is this: The law that came four hundred thirty years later does not cancel a covenant previously ratified by God, so as to invalidate the promise. 18: For if the inheritance is based on the law, it is no longer based on the promise, but God graciously gave it to Abraham through the promise.

When God preached the gospel to Abraham, He identified the nature of the blessings of Abraham - which was justification.

God said that He would justify the Gentile's

Justification is an essential part of the gospel, for it where God forgives the undeserving sinner and brings him into right standing with God.

However, we also know that no one is justified by the works of law of Moses –

Galatians 3:11 (nlt) So it is clear that no one can be made right with God by trying to keep the law. For the Scriptures say, "It is through faith that a righteous person has life."

A person can only be justified through faith in Christ's atoning death and his resurrection.

Therefore, as believers (the church) we are obligated and privileged to bless the nations with the blessings that we have received through Christ's redemption.

Generous people scheme and plan!

Isaiah 32:8 (nkjv) But a generous man devises generous things, and by generosity he shall stand.

Let us all respond to this wonderful privilege by scheming, dreaming all kinds of creative ways to carry out our mandate.

Isaiah 32:8 (nlt) But generous people plan to do what is generous, and they stand firm in their generosity.