

BIBLICAL REASONS FOR ENGAGING IN GLOBAL MISSIONS

The two major Biblical reasons why we should engage in Global Missions.

1. THE GREAT COMMISSION

*Matthew 28:18-20 (net) Then Jesus came up and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19: Therefore, **go and make disciples of all nations**, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, 20: teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."*

The Great Commission expresses the heart of Jesus.

The Great Commission is mandatory for all Christ followers globally to participate in.

2. THE ABRAHAMIC COVENANT

Is to all Nations on earth.

*Genesis 26:4 (niv) I will make **your descendants** as numerous as the stars in the sky and will give them all these lands, and through your offspring **all nations** on earth will be blessed.*

All those who believe in Christ are Abraham's children.

Galatians 3:7-9 (net) So then, understand that those who believe are the sons of Abraham. 8: And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, proclaimed the gospel to Abraham ahead of time, saying, "All the nations will be blessed in you." 9: So then those who believe are blessed along with Abraham the believer.

The blessings and obligation of Abraham has come to every believer, through the redemptive work of Christ on the cross.

Galatians 3:14-16 (net) In order that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham would come to the Gentiles, so that we could receive the promise of the Spirit by faith.

Inheritance Comes from Promises and not Law 15:

Brothers and sisters, I offer an example from everyday life: When a covenant has been ratified, even though it is only a human contract, no one can set it aside or add anything to it. 16: Now the promises were spoken to Abraham and to his descendant. Scripture does not say, "and to the descendants," referring to many, but "and to your descendant," referring to one, who is Christ.

God promises Abraham again (a second time), that His blessings would be given to Isaac and onto his children (descendants).

Genesis 22:15-18 (nlt) *Then the angel of the Lord called again (a second time) to Abraham from heaven. 16: "This is what the Lord says: Because you have obeyed me and have not withheld even your son, your only son, I swear by my own name that 17: I will certainly bless you. I will multiply your descendants beyond number, like the stars in the sky and the sand on the seashore. Your descendants will conquer the cities of their enemies. 18: And through your descendants all the nations of the earth will be blessed - all because you have obeyed me."*

The blessing of Abraham is generational as it was passed on to Isaac and then onto his descendants.

In a dream Isaac's son Jacob was encouraged;

Your descendants will be like the dust of the earth, and you will spread out to the west, east, north, and south. All the families of the earth will pronounce blessings on one another using your name and that of your descendants.

Genesis 28:14 (net)

OTHER REASONS WHY WE ARE TO BE ENGAGED IN GLOBAL MISSIONS.

- The CROSS

The reason why Jesus died was to redeem all mankind from the **power** and **penalty** of sin.

Ephesians 1:7 (net) *In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace.*

Romans 5:9 (net) *...because we have now been declared righteous by His blood, we will be saved through Him from God's wrath.*

- The CAUSE (Jesus' cause)

His cause becomes our cause!

John 18:37 (nkjv) *Pilate therefore said to Him, "Are You a king then?" Jesus answered, "You say rightly that I am a king. **For this cause I was born, and for this cause I have come into the world, that I should bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice.**"*

- The CONDITION (of mankind)

The unrighteous spiritual state of mankind before God.

As it is written: "There is none righteous, no, not one.

Romans 3:10 (nkjv)

But for Jesus!

John 3:18 (nlt) *There is no judgment against anyone who believes in Him. But anyone who does not believe in Him has already been judged for not believing in God's one and only Son.*

- The COMMAND

Matthew 28:18-20 (niv) Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19: Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20: and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Luke 10:2 (net) He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Therefore, ask the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest."

For these reasons we are to respond to Jesus' call to engage in Global Missions to reap a harvest of lost souls.