

Biblical Reasons Why We Should Engage In Global Missions

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The two major Biblical reasons why we should engage in global missions are.

1. The Great Commission.

The great commission is mandatory and obligatory upon all Christians globally, developed and developing nations.

It is to all Nations, to all peoples and to all generations.

2. The Abrahamic Covenant.

Was to all nations!

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 (nkjv) Therefore know that only those who are of faith are sons of Abraham.

The Gentile Church is blessed with Abraham.

⁸And 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.

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

***Galatians 3:14-16** (niv) He redeemed us in order that the blessing given to Abraham might come to the Gentiles through Christ Jesus, so that by faith we might receive the promise of the Spirit. ¹⁵ Brothers and sisters, let me take an example from everyday life. Just as no one can set aside or add to a human covenant that has been duly established, so it is in this case. ¹⁶ The promises were spoken to Abraham and to his seed. Scripture does not say "and to seeds," meaning many people, but "and to your seed," meaning one person, who is Christ.*

The church is obligated to be actively engaged in world missions.

God promises Abraham that his blessing would be given to Isaac and to his children (descendants).

***Genesis 22:15-18** (niv) The angel of the Lord called to*

Abraham from heaven a second time ¹⁶ and said, “I swear by myself, declares the Lord, that because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, ¹⁷ I will surely bless you and make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as the sand on the seashore. Your descendants will take possession of the cities of their enemies, ¹⁸ and through your offspring all nations on earth will be blessed, because you have obeyed me.”

The blessing of Abraham confirmed and passed on to Isaac and to his descendants

***Genesis 28:4** (niv) May he give you and your descendants the blessing given to Abraham, so that you may take possession of the land where you now live as an alien, the land God gave to Abraham.*

There are more reasons to be engaged in global missions.

1. The Cross.

Providing salvation, forgiveness of sin and to provide us with eternal life.

***Ephesians 1:7** (niv) In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace.*

***John 10:28** (esv) I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand.*

Romans 5:9 *(niv)* Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him!

2. The 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 reason Christ came.

Romans 5:6 *(niv)* "...Christ died for the ungodly."

Romans 5:8 *(esv)* "...that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us."

1 Corinthians 15:3 *(esv)* "...Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures,"

3. The Catastrophe.

The Spiritual state of man before God was bankrupt of any goodness, or righteousness, lost eternally and condemned to eternal punishment.

The depth of the terrible suffering of Christ on the Cross clearly reveals the extent of the depravity of man.

John 3:18 (esv) *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.*

Romans 3:19 (nkjv) *Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God.*

Romans 3:10 (niv) *As it is written: "There is no one righteous, not even one..."*

4. The Command - Commandment to go.

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."*

5. The Christ - The LORD!

Because of His elevated position, the risen ascended Lord, He is to be heard and obeyed.

Matthew 16:16 (esv) *Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."*

John 20:31 *(esv)* But these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

Revelation 17:14 *(niv)* “They will make war against the Lamb, but the Lamb will overcome them because he is Lord of lords and King of kings - and with him will be his called, chosen and faithful followers.”

He is also the LORD of the harvest.

Luke 10:2 *(kjb)* Therefore said he unto them, the harvest truly is great, but the labourers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth labourers into his harvest.

6. The Great Commission - is GLOBAL.

- In its **intent** *(its purpose, its aims)*.
- In its **message** *(the same to all peoples everywhere)*.
- In its **specifics** *(what is required, teaching, training, mentoring, commanding and baptizing)*.
- In its **sphere /scope** *(everywhere, all nations)*.
- In its **embrace /acceptance** *(all inclusive)*.
- In its **obligation** upon all believers everywhere.
- In its **resolve** *(determination, steadfastness)*.

The Great Commission is:

- **Indiscriminate** in its application to all nations.
- **Mandatory** upon all believers.
- **Demanding** in its compliance.
- **Applicable** in every generation/

The Great Commission expresses the love of Christ and His passion for all people.

May we devote ourselves to gaining for the Lamb the reward of His sacrifice!

Quotes from Missionary Statesmen.

"Disturb us, Lord, when we are too well pleased with ourselves, when our dreams have come true because we dreamed too little, when we arrive safely because we sail to close to the shore."

A Prayer attributed to Sir Francis Drake.

"If Jesus Christ be God and died for me, then no sacrifice can be too great for me to make for Him." - C.T. Studd

"I can plod, this is my only genius, I can persevere in any given pursuit, to this I owe everything." - William Carey

“How often do we attempt work for God to the limit of our incompetency rather than to the limit of God’s Omnipotency.”

- Hudson Taylor

“Some want to live within the sound of church or chapel bell. I want to run a rescue shop within a yard of hell.” - **C.T. Studd**

“Anywhere provided it is forward. Depend upon it; God’s work done in God’s way never lacks God’s supply.” **J. Hudson**

“You must go or send a substitute. Only as the Church fulfils her missionary obligation does she justify her existence.” - **Oswald J. Smith**

“Expect great things from God. Attempt great things for God.” - **William Carey**