

## MISSIONS AND YOU

### Matthew 28:19-20

**Introduction:** "Mission work is for missionaries, not for the average Christian..." is what many Christians think and therefore they don't have as much interest as they should. They will give financially for missions and pray for those who have gone away to some foreign country and will listen to a guest missionary speaker when he/she is home on furlough, but "mission work" is for missionaries, not for the normal, average Christian church member. Christians need to realize that every Christian is expected by the Lord to proclaim, to witness the good news everywhere, and doing that makes one a "missionary."

### I. THROUGH MISSIONS CHRISTIANS CAN REALIZE THE PROMISES OF JESUS

1. There is the promise of unlimited answered prayers.
  - *John 14:12-16*
  - *John 15:7-8 - "...abide in Christ and it shall be given unto you..."*
  - *Matthew 18:18-20 - "...if any two agree upon anything, it shall be done for them..."*
2. There is the promise of Christ's presence in the Christian's life.
  - *John 14:18-23* - God will make His abode in those who love Him.
  - *Matthew 28:20* - He will be with us to the ends of the earth.
  - Only when actively engaged for Jesus Christ do we (Christians) fully realize this promise.
3. There is the promise of the Holy Spirit's gifts.
  - *John 20:21-22* - So sends Christ, so we (Christians) are sent and all are filled with the Holy Spirit.
  - *John 15:26-27* - Jesus said that He would send the "Comforter."
  - The material, personal presence of Jesus Christ is exchanged for the spiritual presence who is OMNI-PRESENT.
4. There is the promise to supply every need.
  - *Matthew 6:31-33 - "...take no thought for material things, seek first God's Kingdom..."*
  - Material things are given to many, but are promised unfailingly to Jesus Christ's servants who are actively involved in "mission" work.

### II. MISSIONS IS THE MEANS BY WHICH ONE CAN HELP ANOTHER IN THE GREATEST POSSIBLE WAY

1. There are many ways to help each other, etc., but there is only one which is best and that is Jesus.
2. It is a privilege to lead someone to Jesus Christ in salvation.
3. Paul's commission is also every Christian's. *Acts 26:16-18*

### **III. MISSIONS MAKES CHRISTIANS PARTNERS WITH GOD**

1. Missions allows Jesus to further His plan of salvation through us - believers/Christians.
2. Christians further the work which Jesus began and Jesus uses the lives/bodies of believers, Christians for His own sake.
3. The world must see an example of grace, thus the life of a Christian are seen through a magnifying glass by the lost world. Let them see only the splendor and beautiful grace of Jesus Christ.

### **IV. MISSIONS IS THE BEST POSSIBLE INVESTMENT OF ONE'S LIFE**

1. Christians are partners with God, cooperating with the Holy Spirit and can do more for the world than anybody or anything else.
2. *John 12:20-26* - By losing one's life for Jesus in missions, he/she saves it.

### **CONCLUSION:**

1. Christians (you and I) were not saved just to escape eternal damnation but were also saved to serve God.
2. Christians are intended by God to be His hands, His feet, His voice to the world they (we) live in.
3. If the evangelism of the world depended upon YOU (me), how secure could you (I) feel?
4. CHRISTIAN! The world is dependent upon US - you, you, you, you, and you...all of us.....
5. Christians, we are missionaries! Let's get about our work for the Lord.