**Introduction:**

At the conclusion of His earthly ministry, The Lord Jesus Christ committed His church to the continuance of His work of redemption. To the assembled body of (baptized) believers He said: “*As my Father hath sent me, even so I send you*” **John 20:21**

The Lord’s churches are to duplicate those things done by the Lord – without change!

While so much of what Jesus did could not be contained in any number of books

(**John 21:25** *And there are also many other things which Jesus did, the which, if they should be written every*

*one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that should be written. Amen.),*

*there are some works He did consistently throughout his earthly ministry*:

**• John 4:1** *When therefore the LORD knew how the Pharisees had heard that Jesus made and baptized more disciples than John,*

Jesus made and baptized disciples.

**• Matthew 5:1-2** *And seeing the multitudes, he went up into a mountain: and when he was set,*

*his disciples came unto him: 2 And he opened his mouth, and taught them, saying,*

… Jesus taught and trained his disciples.

• **Matthew 16:18** *And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.*

Jesus built His church.

**I. The Biblical Basis for Missions**

**A. Jesus’ Great Commissions For Missions**

**• Matthew 28:16-20** *Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, into a mountain where Jesus had appointed them. 17 And when they saw him, they worshipped him: but some doubted. 18 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. 19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: 20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the*

*world. Amen.*

• **Mark 16:14-20** *Afterward he appeared unto the eleven as they sat at meat, and upbraided them with their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they believed not them which had seen him after he was risen. 15 And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. 16 He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. 17 And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; 18 They shall take*

*up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover. 19 So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up into heaven, and sat on the*

*right hand of God. 20 And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen.*

• Luke 24:45-49 *Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures, 46 And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day: 47 And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. 48 And ye are witnesses of these things. 49 And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high.*

• John 20:19-23 *Then the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you. 20 And when he had so said, he shewed unto them his hands and his side. Then were the disciples glad, when they saw the LORD. 21 Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you. 22 And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and saith unto them,*

*Receive ye the Holy Ghost: 23 Whose soever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them; and*

*whose soever sins ye retain, they are retained.*

• Acts 1:8 *But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.*

**B. The Mission Commission**

From the scriptures above, we can see the mission commission.

**1.** What is our church to do? **TEACH AND BAPTIZE.**

**2.** What is the extent of our “mission field?” **THE ENTIRE EARTH** (uttermost part of the earth.)

**3.** What is the message of our mission work? THE GOSPEL and THE SCRIPTURE

a. Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you:

b. Teaching the repentance and remission of sins (through Jesus Christ).

**4.** From whence do we get our power to engage in mission work?

Ye shall receive power, after that the **Holy Ghost** is come upon you.

**II. The Biblical Plan for Missions**

**Acts 13:1-5** *Now there were in the church that was at Antioch certain prophets and teachers; as Barnabas, and Simeon that was called Niger, and Lucius of Cyrene, and Manaen, which had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul. 2 As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them. 3 And when they had fasted and prayed, and laid their hands on them, they sent them away. 4 So they, being sent forth by the Holy Ghost, departed unto Seleucia; and from thence they sailed to Cyprus. 5 And when they were at Salamis, they preached the word of God in the synagogues of the Jews: and they had also John to their minister.*

**Notice the Biblical Plan For Missions**

**A. God Calls Missionaries and He Calls Them From The Local Church**

Verse 2 and verse 4 tell us that the Holy Ghost led in this calling of these men. The Holy Spirit speaks to hearts calling men and ladies into God’s service on regular basis.

When God called two men to be missionaries, **He called them out of the church** that was at Antioch.

**B. These Men Were Preachers and Teachers of the Word of God**

What kind of Missionaries did God send to the Mission field? **Prophets and teachers**

**Acts 12:25** *And Barnabas and Saul returned from Jerusalem, when**they had fulfilled their ministry….*

These men had a ministry. They were soul winners. They did more than plant corn, build houses and help people, they won souls, changed lives and propagated the Gospel. In verse 5- They preached the Word of God.

**C. The Church Sent These Missionaries**

These men were sent and supported by the church.

• Supported financially by New Testament Baptist Churches

• Prayed for by New Testament Baptist Churches

• Sent out of / by New Testament Baptist Churches

**3. The Biblical Way to Support Missions**

**A. We Are to Give Financially Toward Missions.**

Above our tithes and our offerings to our local church, we can designate offerings to the Mission field. In doing so we are supporting the work of winning souls and changing lives around the world. We are financially supporting churches and preachers just like ours in other countries.

**B. We Are to Pray For Missions:**

**1.** Pray for deliverance from wicked men. II Thessalonians 3:2

**2.** Pray for “boldness.” Ephesians 6:19

**3.** Pray for a willingness to live honestly. Hebrews 13:18

**4.** Pray for “free course” for the Word of God. II Thessalonians 3:1

**C. God Blesses a Mission-Minded Church**

**Philippians 4:14-19**

*Notwithstanding ye have well done, that ye did communicate with my affliction. 15 Now ye Philippians know also, that in the beginning of the gospel, when I departed from Macedonia, no church communicated with me as concerning giving and receiving, but ye only. 16 For even in Thessalonica ye sent once and again unto my necessity. 17 Not because I desire a gift: but I desire fruit that may abound to your account. 18 But I have all, and abound: I am full, having received of Epaphroditus the things which were sent from you, an odour*

*of a sweet smell, a sacrifice acceptable, wellpleasing to God. 19 But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.*

• The church at Philippi repeatedly supported the mission work of Paul.

• Due to this much fruit was added to this church’s Heavenly account.

• God promised to supply all the needs for this church?

*“…God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.”*

**4. The Biblical Challenge for Missions**

**A. The Truth About Missions**

**The harvest is great!**

**John 4:35** *Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up*

*your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest.*

**B. The Need For Missions**

**Many to save – few workers**

**Matthew 9:37** *Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few;*

**C. The Prayer For Missions**

**That God will workers.**

**Matthew 9:38** *Pray ye therefore* ***the Lord of the harvest,*** *that he will send forth labourers into his harvest.*

**D. Our Question For Missions?**

Lord WHAT DO YOU WANT ME TO DO?

**Acts 9:6** *And he trembling and astonished said, Lord, what wilt thou have me to do? And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do.*

**Closing:**

Could the Holy Spirit be calling you to the Mission field?

Do you see the great Harvest? Do you see the great need?

Maybe you could be one to support Missions? Maybe you could pray for our Missionaries?

Would you right now just prayerfully ask God that question Paul asked him, the Question for Missions:

“Lord, what do you want me to do?”