

The Mission of God & the Commission of the Church



The Mission of God

The most ultimate and foundational reason that the followers of Jesus are to preach the Gospel is because God means to bring **glory** and **honor** to Himself through the **redemption** of sinners.

We are commanded to make disciples of all nations so that the **glory** of God will be **displayed** and **magnified** in His magnificent work of salvation.

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1. The Goal of God's Mission
2. How God has set out to accomplish that goal in history

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- God's pursuit of His glory in all that He does
 - Isaiah 42:8 – I am Yahweh, that is My name; I will not give My glory to another, Nor My praise to graven images.
 - Isaiah 48:9, 11 – For the sake of My name I delay My wrath, And for My praise I restrain it for you, In order not to cut you off. ... For My own sake, for My own sake, I will act; For how can My name be profaned? And My glory I will not give to another.

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 - Psalm 106:7–8 – Our fathers in Egypt did not understand Your wonders; They did not remember Your abundant kindnesses, But rebelled by the sea, at the Red Sea. Nevertheless He saved them for the sake of His name, That He might make His power known.”
 - Ezekiel 36:22–23 – Thus says the Lord GOD, ‘It is not for your sake, O house of Israel, that I am about to act, but for My holy name, which you have profaned among the nations where you went. I will vindicate the holiness of My great name . . .

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 - Isaiah 43:25 – I, even I, am the one who wipes out your transgressions for My own sake.
 - 1 John 2:12 – I am writing to you, little children, because your sins have been forgiven you for His name's sake.

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 - Ephesians 1:6, 12, 14 – . . . to the praise of the glory of His grace
 - Ephesians 2:4–7 – But God . . . made us alive together with Christ . . . so that in the ages to come He might show the surpassing riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

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God's most ultimate purpose in saving sinners
is not to make much of **us**,
but to make much of **Himself**,
and to bring sinners into the freedom
of **enjoying** making much of Him forever.

God's Mission in Redemptive History

1. The Beginning – Genesis 1:28
2. The Seed of the Woman – Genesis 3:15
3. The Seed of Abraham – Genesis 12:1–7
4. The Faithful Israelite – Deuteronomy 4:5–8
5. The Righteous Deliverer – Judges 21:25
6. The Son of David – 2 Samuel 7:12–16
7. The Mediator of a New Covenant – Jeremiah 31–33;
Ezekiel 36–37
8. Good News of Great Joy – Luke 1:31–33
9. A Light to the Nations – Isaiah 49:6

A New Mission for a New People

- Mark 16:15–16 – And He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation. He who has believed and has been baptized shall be saved; but he who has disbelieved shall be condemned.”
- Luke 24:45–48 – Then He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, and He said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ would suffer and rise again from the dead the third day, and that repentance for forgiveness of sins would be proclaimed in His name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.”

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- John 20:21 – So Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you; as the Father has sent Me, I also send you.”

What was Jesus’ mission statement?

- Mark 10:45 – To seek and save the lost
- Luke 4:43 – To preach the kingdom of God
- John 1:29 – To bring about forgiveness of sins
- John 3:16 – To give eternal life to those who believe
- 1 Timothy 1:15 – To save sinners
- 1 Peter 3:18 – To reconcile the unrighteous to God

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- Matthew 28:19–20– Go therefore and **make disciples** of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.
- Acts 1:8 – And **you shall be My witnesses** both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth.

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The church is commissioned to be **witnesses** of what God has accomplished in Jesus Christ, **preaching** the Good news of forgiveness of sins through repentance and faith in Him.

Not: “Stay and Obey,” but, “**Go and Proclaim.**”

The Mission of God and the Church

“It is our unspeakable privilege to be caught up in the greatest movement in history—the ingathering of the elect ‘from all tribes and languages and peoples and nations’ until the full number of the Gentiles come in, and all Israel is saved, and the Son of Man descends with power and great glory as King of kings and Lord of lords, and the earth is full of the knowledge of his glory as the waters cover the sea forever and ever.”

- John Piper

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