

Bible Study – The Mission Of Jesus And His Followers **Pastor Charles A. Hall – November 14th, 2024**

- **Mission** means: An act of God sending people to carry out God's will on earth. The word mission comes from the Latin verb misso, which means "to send."
- **Proclaim** means: To publicly declare something, or to communicate written material to a specific group of people.
- **Disciple** means: A follower of Jesus Christ, sometimes specifically used in reference to one of Jesus' twelve Apostles.
- **Evangelism** means: The act of sharing the teaching and message of Jesus Christ through preaching the gospel.
- **Baptism** means: It is a Christian ceremony that symbolizes a person's belief in Christ, and is a sign of their commitment to God and the Christian Community.
- **Education** means: A way to train children to become rational clear-thinking adults who follow the ways of God. The bible also teaches that education should be a lifelong process that involves the whole person, including their mind, body, emotions, and will.

Before we can properly understand and accept the mission that Jesus has given to every believer, we must first understand the mission of Jesus Christ. Jesus even at a young age prior to his earthly ministry acknowledge His commitment to the mission assigned to Him by God the father. Jesus embraces His mission as a compassionate shepherd in search of lost sheep who are unable to save themselves. Many times during Jesus earthly ministry He was criticized for being around those whom the so-called religious leaders of that day felt were sinner and not worth saving. However, these were exactly the people that Jesus sought out to fulfill His mission. An example, in the 4th chapter of the gospel of John verse 7 thru 23 most of us are familiar with the woman at the well who was a sinner, but Jesus did not judge her of her sins, but rather offer her a better life, one with eternal rewards. Then this same woman shared her testimony of her encounter with Jesus in John chapter 4 verse 39 -41. The Word of God makes it noticeably clear that our mission as believers of the gospel of Jesus Christ should be consistent with the mission of Jesus Christ the one that saved us from spiritual bondage and eternal damnation. Therefore, our mission as true believers is to share the gospel to as many non-believers as possible. When we share the gospel to those that are lost, we are called to teach, encourage, share our personal testimony and to demonstrate a lifestyle that is consistent with the word of God found in the holy bible. As believers of Jesus Christ, our walk and life should be one that proclaims and reflects the moral character found in the word of God. In other words when we share the gospel, we should not only teach them the word, but we should also show those that are lost the result and manifestation of the power of the word.

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The mission of Jesus as assigned by God the Father

- **John 12:44-50** (44) Jesus cried and said, He that believeth on me, believeth not on me, but on him that sent me. (45) And he that seeth me seeth him that sent me. (46) I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness. (47) And if any man hear my words, and believe not, I judge him not: for I came not to judge the world, but to save the world. (48) He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day. (49) For I have not spoken of myself; but the Father which sent me, he gave me a commandment, what I should say, and what I should speak. (50) And I know that his commandment is life everlasting: whatsoever I speak therefore, even as the Father said unto me, so I speak.
- **Luke 2:49** And he said unto them, How is it that ye sought me? Wist ye not that I must be about my Father's Business
- **Luke 19:10** For the Son of Man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.

The true mission for all believer is to do the work of Jesus Christ in the power of the spirit of God! The work of God as it relates to the mission of believers, also known as the Great Commission, is threefold (1) Evangelism, (2) Baptism, and (3) Education.

- **Matthew 28:16-20** (16) Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, into a mountain where Jesus had appointed them. (17) And when they saw him, they worshiped 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 always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

Jesus calls those that were once lost, and are now saved to share the good news, so that others who are lost might be saved as well.

- **Matthew 9:9** And as Jesus passed forth from thence, he saw a man, named Matthew, sitting at the receipt of custom: and he saith unto him. Follow me. And he arose, and followed him.