

A HEART FOR MISSIONS!

TEXT: Romans 1:8-17

INTRO:

A. Paul had a burning desire for missions!

1. By missions I mean caring the gospel, being a witness, baptizing and teaching the saved, and establishing new churches.
 - a. The accomplishing of this great work is seen throughout the life of Paul.
2. His desire grew out of a debt that he owed.

B. Paul knew the power true mission endeavors could have on people's lives.

1. The gospel of Christ is the power through which deliverance comes!
 - a. It had a powerful, life changing influence on his life and the life of others.
 - b. No gospel = no deliverance!

C. A look at how and why we can and should have a love for missions.

I. A MIND FOR MISSIONS.

A. If we are to have a heart for missions we must be mission minded .”

1. To be mission minded is to have a mind that agrees with the mind of God.

B. Missions originated in the mind of God.

1. God is the God of missions – He is a sending God (Isa. 6:8; Matt. 21:33-39; Heb. 1:1-2).
 - a. Every true prophet sent to this dying world was sent because God purposed in his heart and mind to SEND them!

C. If we would be like God we will have a mind for missions.

1. This was the mind of Isaiah – Here am I send me (Isa. 6:8).
2. This was the mind of Paul – Lord, what wilt thou have me to do (Acts 9:6)
 - a. We need to have a *willing mind* if we are to be used of the Lord (I Chr. 28:8-9; II Cor. 8:12).

II. THE MOTIVES FOR MISSIONS.

A. If we are to have a heart for missions we must see the biblical motive for missions.

1. Our love for missions will be moved only as we understand biblical motive in missions.

B. The glory of God is a motive for missions (I Cor. 10:31).

1. God's glory should be our motive and aim!

C. Christ's love for us is a motive for missions (I Cor. 5:14).

1. We are *constrained* (bound, tied up) to be ambassador!

D. Obedience to the command of God is a motive for missions (Matt. 28:19).

1. God requires FAITHFULNESS of stewards!

E. The need of the lost is a motive for missions (Rom. 1:14-17; 10:14).

1. How shall they hear without a preacher ..how shall they preach except they be SENT ”

F. The spiritual growth of the saved is a motive for missions.

1. Teaching them (Matt. 28:19; Eph. 4:12-16).

III. THE MOTIONS OF MISSIONS.

A. Being mission minded and being motivated should move us to do missions.

1. Missions have motions!

B. Notice some of the motions of missions!

1. There is the motion of going (Matt 28:19).
 - a. The promise of Love is connected with the command of go ” No go, no love!
2. There is the motion of telling (Jn. 4:25-29, 39).
3. There is the motion of sending (Acts 13:1-4).
4. There is the motion of giving (Phil 4:15-19)

IV. THE METHOD FOR MISSIONS.

A. The simple reaction of a new born babe in Christ.

1. The gospel is in the mouth of every saved person (Acts 9:20; Jn. 4:28-29)
2. Every Christian is to be a gospel light in this dark and sinful world.

B. The fuller revelation of a Holy Spirit led, sent, and authorized ministry.

1. There is a ye that is commissioned to go (Matt. 28:18-20).
2. There is a lawful way to run in a race (I Tim. 2:1-7).
3. Not all methods employed are commissioned or lawful .”

C. To bring FULLER glory to God we must let our light shine in a biblical way (Matt. 5:14-16).

1. There is a WAY to let your light shine!
2. We are to let our light so shine? How so? By having our light on a candlestick.
3. The church is the candlestick (Rev. 1:20)

V. THE MESSAGE OF MISSIONS.

A. The message is Christ! (II Cor. 4:3-7).

1. No other message will do!
2. The need of Christ SIN (I Timothy 1:15)!
3. The provision of Christ Salvation. (I Timothy 1:15)!
4. The example of Christ Baptism.
5. The obedience to Christ Baptism.
6. Service to Christ in the Churches of Christ.

CON:

A. We have a mission!

1. We have been saved to serve.
2. Different roles in service.

B. Let us be faithful in missions

1. The labor is hard and the labors are few.
2. The fields are white!
3. Pray for labors you may be the answer!

C. Have you received the message of missions?