

MISSIONARY CALL

INTRO

What is a missionary? The word missionary is not specifically in the Bible. In the New Testament the Greek word apostello is used and means “to send.” A missionary is a sent one. Those who hold the office of an apostle are “sent ones” or missionaries. There are missionaries, though, that are not apostles by office but are also “sent ones.” It is correct to say every Christian is to be a witness. It is not correct to say every Christian is a missionary. Traditionally a missionary is someone sent by God to preach the Gospel and generally this is done cross culturally or to a specific group. A missionary cannot be defined by his field of destination. What is one Christian’s far corner of the earth is the next Christian’s local area. Crossing the ocean or a river into another country does not make one a missionary. The question that arises from this becomes “Is a special missionary call needed?”

I. Callings.

- A. Call to salvation Romans 1:6,7; 2 Timothy 1:9; Hebrews 3:1.
- B. Call to service Romans 11:29; Philippians 3:14.

II. Callings to Missions.

- A. Old Testament calls to missions. Answering the call shapes your future and destiny.
 - 1. Noah Genesis 6:13-22. Once he heard it, he had to build the ark.
 - 2. Abram in Genesis 12:1-3. Once he perceived it, he had to leave and journey by faith.
 - 3. Moses in Exodus 3:2-4,10; 4:1-16. Once he had it, he had to lead God’s people.
 - 4. Nehemiah in Nehemiah 1; 2. Once he received it, he had to rebuild Jerusalem.
 - 5. Joshua in Numbers 27:18-23; Deuteronomy 31:23; Joshua 1:1-9. Once he was commissioned, he had to conquer Canaan’s Land.
 - 6. Jonah in Jonah 1:2. Once it was revealed, he could not get away from it.
 - 7. Nation of Israel in Isaiah 49:3, 6.
- B. New Testament calls to missions.
 - 1. Great Commission Matthew 28:18-20; Mark 16:15.
 - 2. Paul Acts 9:4-6,15-16; Galatians 1:15,16; 2:7.
 - a. Paul’s field was the heathen Galatians 1:15,16.
 - b. Paul’s field was the Gentiles Galatians 2:7.
 - 3. Peter.
 - a. His call to witness to Cornelius Acts 10:16-20.
 - b. His primary call to the Jews Galatians 2:7.
 - 4. A specific mission trip.
 - a. Barnabus and Paul by the Holy Spirit Acts 13:2. Jesus called Paul in Acts 9:5; the Holy Spirit called Paul in Acts 13:2.
 - b. Paul’s second mission journey originated as a follow up to the first journey Acts 15:36.
 - c. Macedonian call Acts 16:6,7. This call did not begin a mission; it clarified a mission.

III. Sent Ones in the New Testament.

- A. Jesus was an apostle and a missionary John 17:21,23; Hebrews 3:1 and sent one Luke 4:18.
 - 1. Jesus went about Matthew 4:23; 9:35; Acts 10:38.
 - 2. Jesus witnessed in:
 - a. Jerusalem John 2:23-25; 3:1-21.
 - b. Judaea John 3:22,23.
 - c. Samaria John 4:3.

3. Jesus told us to do what He did Acts 1:8.
 4. There is a harvest to reach in our own world, not just the far, far away world.
- B. Jesus sent others.
1. The two Matthew 21:1,2.
The 12 Matthew 10:1-8; Mark 6:7.
 2. The 70 Luke 10:1.
 3. The disciples John 21:21.
 4. The Church Matthew 28:18; Mark 16:15.
- C. The Father sent the Holy Spirit John 14:26; 15:26.

IV. Sent by Revelation.

- A. Old Testament examples.

		<u>The Call</u>	<u>The Response</u>	<u>The Promise</u>
1.	Moses	Exodus 3:1-10	Exodus 3:11	Exodus 3:12,13
2.	Gideon	Judges 6:11,12	Judges 6:13-15	Judges 6:16,17
3.	Jeremiah	Jeremiah 1:4,5	Jeremiah 1:6	Jeremiah 1:7,8

- B. The New Testament Church is built on revelation Matthew 16:16-18.

1. You may have revelation others do not Matthew 16:16-18.
2. Revelation is a rock to build on Matthew 16:16 and a weapon to kill your Goliath 1 Samuel 17:49,50.
3. Revelation gives us the keys to lock and unlock what we need on earth Matthew 16:18.
4. Revelation is Heaven unveiling and uncovering its plans and purposes Acts 26:13-19.
5. Revelation will send you into someone else's world Galatians 1:15-24.
6. Heaven's revelation gets hell's attention Luke 22:31,32; Acts 12:1-5.
7. Hell cannot prevail over a person with revelation 2 Corinthians 11:23-33; Galatians 1:11,12. Paul kept bouncing back.