

Outline on “Biblical Philosophy of Missions”  
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## Introduction

**The Church is the instrument in God’s hands by which the Gospel shines into all corners of this dying and broken world.**

John Newton said: “*Christ has taken our nature into heaven, to represent us; and has left us on earth, with his nature, to represent him.*”<sup>1</sup>

**Isaiah 53:12** “*Therefore, I will allot Him a portion with the great, And He will divide the booty with the strong; Because He poured out Himself to death, And was numbered with the transgressors; Yet He Himself bore the sin of many, And interceded for the transgressors.*”

**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.*”

What does “biblical philosophy of missions” entail?

We are going to be looking at the:

**I. Biblical Foundations of Missions**

**II. Biblical Objectives of Missions**

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<sup>1</sup> Elliot Ritzema, ed., [300 Quotations for Preachers](#) (Bellingham, WA: Lexham Press, 2012).

## **I. Biblical Foundations of Missions**

### ***–The Purpose of the local Church:***

Psalm 96:3 “Tell of <sup>a</sup>His glory among the nations, His wonderful deeds among all the peoples”

**1 John 4:14** “We have seen and testify that the Father has sent the Son to be the Savior of the world.”

The great commission only needs to be obeyed until Christ returns to the earth to extend his kingdom and his glory (Rev. 19).

4 ways the church accomplishes the great commission:

### ***–The Primary Focus of the local Church:***

*Make disciples of all nations*

*Baptizing new converts*

*Teaching them*

*Gathering them*

## II. Biblical Objectives of Missions

### ***–Promote the Truth and Sufficiency of God’s Word:***

The church’s solemn responsibility is to promote the truth of God. God’s Word is fully **inspired, inerrant, infallible, authoritative and sufficient for everything pertaining to life and godliness** (2 Tim. 3:14-17; 2 Pet. 1:3-4; 16-21; 1 Thess. 2:13; Mt. 5:18; Lk. 16:17, 19-30; Jn. 10:35; Ps. 19:7-14; Ps. 119:89; Ps. 138:2).

### ***–Teach the Place and Priority of the Local Church in Missions:***

**Each missionary is sent out from the local church.**

**Acts 14:26-28** *“From there they sailed to Antioch, from which they had been commended to the grace of God for the work that they had accomplished. When they had arrived and gathered the church together, they began to report all things that God had done with them and how He had opened a door of faith to the Gentiles. And they spent a long time with the disciples.”*

What does the accountability of missionaries mean?

### ***–Prioritize Direct Church Planting Missions:***

If there is no local church entity which is faithful to the Word of God, **then there surfaces the need for church planting!**

**NT pattern of missions?**

**Acts 11:21** *“And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a large number who believed turned to the Lord.”*

*Mission work* could be prioritized in order:

- Church Planting:
  
- Leadership Training:

- Strengthening existing Churches:
  
- Support Ministries:

### Conclusion:

**Charles Spurgeon:** *"If there be any one point in which the Christian church ought to keep its fervor at a white heat, it is concerning missions. If there be anything about which we cannot tolerate lukewarmness, it is the matter of sending the gospel to a dying world."*

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### In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found  
 He is my Light, my Strength, my Song  
 This Cornerstone, this Solid Ground  
 Firm through the fiercest drought and storm  
 What heights of love, what depths of peace  
 When fears are stilled, when strivings cease  
 My Comforter, my All in All  
 Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone, Who took on flesh  
 Fullness of God in helpless Babe  
 This Gift of love and righteousness  
 Scorned by the ones He came to save  
 'Til on that cross as Jesus died  
 The wrath of God was satisfied  
 For every sin on Him was laid  
 Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay  
 Light of the world by darkness slain  
 Then bursting forth in glorious day  
 Up from the grave He rose again  
 And as He stands in victory  
 Sin's curse has lost its grip on me  
 For I am His and He is mine  
 Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life, no fear in death  
 This is the power of Christ in me  
 From life's first cry to final breath  
 Jesus commands my destiny  
 No power of hell, no scheme of man  
 Can ever pluck me from His hand  
 'Til He returns or calls me home  
 Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.