Study #13

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At the conclusion of His earthly ministry, the Lord Jesus Christ committed His church to the continuance of His work of redemption. To the assembled body of (baptized) believers He said: “... as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you.” ***John 20:21*** The Lord's Church, then, is to duplicate the things done by the Lord - without change! While so many things Jesus did could not be contained in any number of books ***John 21:25*** there were some works He did consistently throughout His earthly ministry.

Jesus \_ \_ \_ \_ and \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ disciples. ***John 4:1***

Jesus t \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ and trained His disciples. ***Matthew 5:1,2***

Jesus built His \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_. ***Matthew 16:18***

The Biblical Basis for Missions

1. Look up and read the following Scripture passages which record the words of the Lord

Jesus Christ to His Church.

***Matthew 28:16-20***

***Mark 16:14-20***

***Luke 24:45-49***

***John 20:19-23***

***Acts 1:8***

1. Having read the Scriptures above, write out the answers to the following
2. What is the church to do? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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1. What is the extent of the mission field? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. What is the message of the mission work? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
3. Where do we get our plan to engage in mission work? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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The Biblical Plan for Missions

Look up and read ***Acts 13:1-5***

1. When the Holy Ghost called two men to be missionaries, from whence did He call them? The \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ that was at Antioch.

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1. How would you describe the kind of men God called to be missionaries?

See also ***Acts 12:25*** P \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ and T \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. Look up ***1 Thessalonians 2:4*** and ***1 Timothy 1:12*** Who calls and equips men to be missionaries? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
2. According to ***Acts 13:3*** who is to send missionaries when the Holy Ghost calls them?

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The Bible plan for missions is for missionaries to be sent out by New Testament local churches, prayed for by New Testament local churches, and financially supported by New Testament local churches. The word of God neither speaks, nor knows anything of “mission boards” and other mission agencies. There not in the BOOK!

1. According to ***Acts 13:4*** when a church sends out a missionary, how is that missionary led into his work? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
2. According to ***Acts 13:5*** what is the missionary to do? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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1. According to ***Acts 14:23*** missionaries are to establish a local \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ from those won to Christ and baptized.

“Every church should support two pastor's - one for the thousands at home, the other for the millions abroad.” ~Jacob Chamberlain~

The Biblical Challenge for Missions

1. Look up ***John 4:35*** What is every Christian to realize? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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1. Look up ***Matthew 9:37*** What is there a great need for today? \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
2. Look up ***Matthew 9:38*** What should be our prayer? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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1. Look up ***Acts 9:6*** What question should we ask the Lord concerning missions? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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David Livingstone, great explorer and Christian pioneer, wrote in one magnificent sentence,

"I will go anywhere - provided it be forward.”

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The Biblical Way to Support Missions

1. We Are to Give Financially Toward Missions

In ***2 Corinthians 8-10*** the Bible deals with the subject of giving to the work of the Lord.

Attitude in giving

Motive in giving

Purpose in giving

***1 Corinthians 8:1-5***

***2 Corinthians 9:5-8***

***2 Corinthians 10:14-16***

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1. We Are to Pray for Missionaries ***Romans 15:30,31***

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***2 Thessalonians 3:2***

***Ephesians 6:19***

***Hebrews 13:18***

***2 Thessalonians 3:1***

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1. God Blesses A Mission-minded Church

Read ***Philippians 4:14-19***

1. Which church helped Paul financially? The church at \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
2. What abounded to the heavenly account of this church? \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
3. What did God promise to supply for this church? \_ \_ \_ their \_ \_ \_ \_

“Your love has a broken wing if it cannot fly across the sea.”

~Malthie D. Babcock~

“The only one among the twelve apostles who did not become a missionary became a traitor.” ~Unknown~

Missionary - Those sent out to spread the Gospel; Someone who attempts to convert others to a particular doctrine.”

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Who Are Some Missionaries Found in The Scriptures?

\* Jonah

“A \_ \_ \_ \_, g \_ unto Nineveh, that great city, and p \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ u \_ \_ \_ I \_ the preaching that I bid thee. So Jonah a \_ \_ \_ \_ a \_ \_w \_ \_ \_ unto Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceeding great city of three days' journey.” ***Jonah 3:2,3***

\* The Early Church

“Therefore they that were scattered abroad w \_ \_ \_ e \_ \_ \_ \_ w \_ \_ \_ \_ p \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ the word.” ***Acts 8:4***

\* Philip

“Then Philip w \_ \_ \_ down to the city of Samaria, a \_ \_ p \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ C \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ unto them.” ***Acts 8:5***

\* Some from Cyrene become Missionaries

“And some of them were men of Cyprus and Cyrene, which, when t \_ \_ \_ w \_ \_ \_ c \_ \_ \_ to Antioch, s \_ \_ \_ \_ unto the Grecians, p \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ the LORD Jesus.” ***Acts 11:20***

\* Paul & Barnabas

“Now there were in the church that was at Antioch certain prophets and teachers; as Barnabas, and Simeon that was called Niger, and Lucius of Cyrene, and Manaen, which had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul. As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the H \_ \_ \_ G \_ \_ \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_, Separate me Barnabas and Saul f \_ \_ \_

t \_ \_ w \_ \_ \_ whereunto I h \_ \_ \_ c \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_. And when they had fasted and prayed, and laid their hands on them, they s \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ away. *So they, being sent forth* *by the Holy Ghost*, departed unto Seleucia; and from thence they sailed to Cyprus. And when they were at Salamis, t \_ \_ \_ p \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ w \_ \_ \_ o \_ G \_ \_ in the synagogues of the Jews: and they had also John to their minister.” ***Acts 13:1-5***

\* Peter

“And when there had been much disputing, Peter rose up, and said unto them, Men and brethren, ye know how that a good while ago G \_ \_ m \_ \_ \_ c \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ among us, that

t \_ \_ G \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ by m \_ m \_ \_ \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ h \_ \_ \_ the word of the gospel, and believe.” ***Acts 15:7***

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\* Apollos

“And when he was disposed to pass i \_ \_ \_ A \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ the brethren wrote, exhorting the

disciples to receive him: who, when he was come, helped them much which had believed through grace: For he mightily c \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ the Jews, and that p \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, shewing by the scriptures t \_ \_ \_ J \_ \_ \_ \_ w \_ \_ C \_ \_ \_ \_ \_.” ***Acts 18:27,28***

\* Noah

“And spared not the old world, but saved N \_ \_ \_ the eighth person, a

p \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ o \_ r \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly;” ***2 Peter 2:5***

What Were Some of The Lord Jesus Christ's Missions?

1. **To Do God's Will**

“For I c \_ \_ \_ d \_ \_ \_ from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me.” ***John 6:38***

1. **To Save Sinners**

“For the Son of man i \_ c \_ \_ \_ to seek and to save that which was lost.” ***Luke 19:10***

1. **To Bring in Everlasting Righteousness**

“Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, t \_ f \_ \_ \_ \_ the transgression, and t \_ m \_ \_ \_ an end of sins, and t \_ m \_ \_ \_ reconciliation for iniquity, and t \_ b \_ \_ \_ \_ i \_ everlasting righteousness, and t \_ s \_ \_ \_ u \_ the vision and prophecy, and t \_ a \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ the most Holy.” ***Daniel 9:24***

1. **To Destroy Satan' Works**

“Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise t \_ \_ \_ p \_ \_ \_ o \_ the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil;” ***Hebrews 2:14***

“He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God w \_ \_ m \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, that he might destroy the works of the devil.” ***1 John 3:8***

1. **To Fulfill the Old Testament**

“Think not that I a \_ c \_ \_ \_ t \_ destroy the law, or the prophets: I a \_ n \_ \_ c \_ \_ \_ t \_ destroy, but t \_ fulfil.” ***Matthew 5:17***

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1. **To Give Life**

“The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I a \_ c \_ \_ \_that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly. And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.” ***John 10:10,28***

1. **To Complete Revelation**

“God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds; Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had b \_ h \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ p \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ o \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_, s \_ \_ d \_ \_ \_ on the right hand of the Majesty on high:” ***Hebrews 1:1-3***

What Are Some Motives That Prompt Missions?

1. **God's Love**

“For God s \_ l \_ \_ \_ \_ the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should n \_ \_ p \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, but h \_ \_ \_ e \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ l \_ \_ \_. For God sent not his Son into the world t \_ c \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ the world; but that the world through him might b \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_.” ***John 3:16,17***

1. **Christ's Love**

“For the l \_ \_ \_ o \_ C \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ c \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ u \_; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead: And that he died for all, that they which live

s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ n \_ \_ henceforth l \_ \_ \_ u \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ but u \_ \_ \_ H \_ \_which died for them, and rose again.” ***2 Corinthians 5:14,15***

1. **Mankind's Need**

“What then? are we better than they? No, in no wise: for we have before p \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ both Jews and Gentiles, that t \_ \_ \_ a \_ \_ a \_ \_ u \_ \_ \_ \_ s \_ \_; As it is written, There is

n \_ \_ \_ r \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, no, n \_ \_ o \_ \_:” ***Romans 3:9-31***

With What Does A Missionary Need to Be Equipped?

1. **The word of God**

"For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. H \_ \_ then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and h \_ \_ shall they believe in him of whom they have n \_ \_ h \_ \_ \_ \_? and h \_ \_ shall they hear without a p \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_? And

h \_ \_ shall they preach, except t \_ \_ \_ b \_ s \_ \_ \_? as i \_ i \_ w \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach t \_ \_ g \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ o \_ p \_ \_ \_ \_, and bring glad tidings of good things!” ***Romans 10:13-15***

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“Being b \_ \_ \_ a \_ \_ \_ \_, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, b \_ t \_ \_ w \_ \_ \_ o \_ G \_ \_ which liveth and abideth for ever.” ***1 Peter 1:23***

1. **God the Holy Ghost**

“But ye s \_ \_ \_ \_ r \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ p \_ \_ \_ \_, after that t \_ \_ H \_ \_ \_ G \_ \_ \_ \_ is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.” ***Acts 1:8***

1. **Prayer**

“As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them. And when they had fasted a

p \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, and laid their hands on them, they sent them away. So they, being s \_ \_ \_ forth by the Holy Ghost, departed unto Seleucia; and from thence they sailed to Cyprus.” ***Acts 13:2-4***

On one of the New Hebrides, in the South Pacific, is the lonely grave of a Presbyterian missionary, the Rev. John Geddie. A marble slab bears the following inscription:

“When he came here,

There were no Christians;

When he went away,

There were no heathen.”

~James D. Denton~

Written Assignment:

Make a list of the missionaries that your church supports. Now, note the work that the Holy Ghost has called them to do, and where.

Memorization:

Try to commit to memory ***Mark 16:15***

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