



### The Role of Missions in the Church and Family

We have been saved from eternal damnation. That is really, really good news! We have experienced the new birth, we have the promises in His Word we are His children, we have peace, we have his Holy Spirit indwelling our lives, we have a testimony. We can tell what great things God has done for us!

(As I write this I cannot help but think about the last Sunday evening service where Scott heartily sang, "To God be the glory great things He hath done. So loved He the world that He gave us His Son. Who yielded His life an atonement for sin, and opened the Life-gate that ALL may go in. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear His voice! Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice! O come to the Father through Jesus the Son, and give Him the glory great things He hath done.")

God uses people to accomplish His purposes. Jesus gave us, His redeemed children, the Great Commission.

Mat 28:18 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.

Mark 16:15 And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. 16 He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.

Our love for God should compel us to tell others about how they too can be saved. Our lives should show the world we have something they want. Our voices tell them how they can receive salvation too.



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It is good for children to know that the whole world is a mission field. God may ask us to be a witness for Him at home on the farm. He may ask us to be witnesses for Him in another country. He may call a man into the ministry of the church.

Children can be given books to read that demonstrate how God has worked in the lives of missionaries to further the gospel in areas not otherwise reached. These stories build trust in the greatness of God, encourage the soul, and help to build awareness of how we must be witnesses for God to those we come in contact with.

We don't know how God will lead us or our children, therefore, we need to help guide the children to know that above all else, we must follow God's leading in our lives.

#### **Result of a lost mission focus**

When Christians are unified in outreach - trying to reach lost souls - the church grows. When this vision is lost, the church begins to look inward at each other. Often this triggers friction and strife.

Gal 5:14 For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this; Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.  
15 But if ye bite and devour one another, take heed that ye be not consumed one of another.

The Devil loves this - no outreach happening and there is internal turmoil. Children are confused, and souls are lost for Christ. Spiritual warfare is real!