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**Background Reading:**

- ❖ Matthew 9:35-36, 28:19-20
- ❖ Mark 16:15
- ❖ Acts 1:8
- ❖ Luke 4:11-19

**Devotional Reading:**

- ❖ Colossians 1:3-14

## Background Reading

### Matthew 9:35-36

**35** And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people.

**36** But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd.

### Matthew 28:19-20

**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.

## Background Reading

**Mark 16:15** And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.

**Acts 1:8** But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost 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.

## Background Reading

### Luke 4:11-19

- 11** And in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone.
- 12** And Jesus answering said unto him, It is said, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God.
- 13** And when the devil had ended all the temptation, he departed from him for a season.
- 14** And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit into Galilee: and there went out a fame of him through all the region round about.
- 15** And he taught in their synagogues, being glorified of all.

## Background Reading

### Luke 4:11-19

- 16** And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up: and, as his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and stood up for to read.
- 17** And there was delivered unto him the book of the prophet Esaias. And when he had opened the book, he found the place where it was written,
- 18** The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,
- 19** To preach the acceptable year of the Lord.

## Devotional Reading

### Colossians 1:3-14

- 3** We give thanks to God and the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you,
- 4** Since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus, and of the love which ye have to all the saints,
- 5** For the hope which is laid up for you in heaven, whereof ye heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel;
- 6** Which is come unto you, as it is in all the world; and bringeth forth fruit, as it doth also in you, since the day ye heard of it, and knew the grace of God in truth:
- 7** As ye also learned of Epaphras our dear fellowservant, who is for you a faithful minister of Christ;
- 8** Who also declared unto us your love in the Spirit.

## Devotional Reading

### Colossians 1:3-14

**9** For this cause we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding;

**10** That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God;

**11** Strengthened with all might, according to his glorious power, unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness;

**12** Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light:

**13** Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son:

**14** In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins:



## Central Verse

### Isaiah 58:6-7

(<sup>6</sup>) Is not this the fast that I have chosen? to loose the bands of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens, and to let the oppressed go free, and that ye break every yoke?

(<sup>7</sup>) Is it not to deal thy bread to the hungry, and that thou bring the poor that are cast out to thy house? when thou seest the naked, that thou cover him; and that thou hide not thyself from thine own flesh?

# **INTRODUCTION**

It has been said many times by many people that mission is the heart of God. The Church's mission is to preach the Gospel of the Kingdom of God and to make disciples throughout the world, teaching them exactly what Jesus taught in Mark 16:15 and Matthew 24 and 28:19-20: "And this Gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in the whole world for a testimony unto all the nations; and then shall the end come" (Matthew 24:14).

# **INTRODUCTION**

Believers must never lose sight of their mission within this world. They can have all kinds of programs, but if they are not fulfilling the mandate that Jesus gave to His disciples, then they have missed their purpose in this world. This mandate did not end at the death of the early disciples, so Jesus depends on every believer to do their part in reaching this world through the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

The Church believes that its mission includes confronting injustices and helping to alleviate suffering as it tries to show God's love for the world. But believers must never become so focused on these issues that they lose sight of their God-centeredness and their proclamation of the Gospel.

## **DISCUSSION**

Mission must be an important part of the Pentecostal Church, for it must continue to spread its message to the world as it connects with people on a personal level. Believers must not only be concerned about people within their ethnic group; they must reach out to every culture. Believers must love God more than they love any person, place, or thing. They must love God more than themselves and be willing to lay aside their own agenda to complete the assignments that God has given to them.

## **DISCUSSION**

God's plan in this world is to establish new churches and bring new people to Christ as believers take the mission around the world. It was a direct command from Jesus as He prepared to go back home to His Father. It is His desire for the Good News to be carried to all the places around Jerusalem and beyond.

## **DISCUSSION**

All believers must work together to deliver the message of salvation around the world. Some believers will go as missionaries to various places, and some will stay home and pray for God's Word to be effective and glorified in the lives of believers. Some believers who have been blessed financially will be willing to share in a monetary way, because missionaries need money for travel and room and board, as well as money to help the new ministries. Some of our Mission workers were in South Africa when a young man, his wife, and his children moved into an area where the people were unchurched. They bought property, built a house, and used part of the land to put up a tent. While we were there helping, we found that the house did not have a bathroom.

## DISCUSSION

We inquired and found out that \$2100 US Dollars could build a bathroom. Two of us got together and gave that money, and four weeks later, it came to fruition. They also had enough money to put up two walls on the church. So, there may be times when a person cannot physically go, but their finances can go with someone who is going.

## DISCUSSION

Jesus was always concerned about the unchurched or the people that the Church looked down upon. He felt the need to go through Samaria when travelers usually traveled around this area (John 4). He knew that there was a woman there who had a problem that needed fixing. He found a woman at the well whose life was messed up because of her lifestyle. She was scorned by the people in the town that she lived in and felt the need to go to the well to get water when it was inconvenient for the other women of the town to draw water. Her encounter with Jesus changed her life, and she became an evangelist to the men of that town. Mission can be a life-changing agent when it is applied in the right area and to the right people.



## **CONCLUSION**

Mission is important in the life of believers because it is important to Jesus. When Jesus was talking to the church in Matthew 25, He let the church know the importance of mission. In verses 34-36, He let them know that their position in the kingdom would depend on their treatment of the poor, the hungry, the thirsty, the homeless, the imprisoned, and the stranger. He said that when believers take time to see about these people, they are taking time to see about Him. He stressed the importance of doing mission for their fellowmen.

## CONCLUSION

The Apostle Paul let believers know that it was God's will for them to witness and to strengthen the Saints. He was happy, because Epaphras, a dear fellow servant, was a faithful minister of Christ because he had taken the time to let his faith in Christ be tuned into work for the kingdom. For faith without works is dead. It is important for believers to let their light shine so men can see their good works and glorify their Father, which is in Heaven (Matthew 5:16).

# ESSENTIAL THOUGHT

**Until believers witness to every area  
of the world, the end of the world  
cannot come.**

# **NEXT LESSON**

**November 11, 2025**

**Lesson 11**

**Jesus Christ the Savior**