

Missions Minded

2 Corinthians 5:10-21

- 1) Aim
 - a) Answer—what, who, and where of missions
- 2) Definition of Missions
 - a) Great Commission
 - i) Luke 24:44-49
 - ii) Matt. 28:18-20
 - iii) Proclaiming the excellencies of Christ to sinners and disciples
 - b) TBC definition
 - i) Glorify God extend His Kingdom by making disciple making disciples
- 3) 2 Corinthians 5:1-21
 - a) Paul writes about the many aspects of his ministry
 - i) One of the first missionaries
 - b) Christmas perfect lead in
 - i) Luke 2:11
 - (1) Today has been born FOR YOU A SAVIOR who is JESUS CHRIST THE LORD
 - (2) Dividing line in human history—a before and after reality
 - (a) Best news humankind could ever receive
 - (b) Who was this Savior
 - (i) John 1:1-5; 9-10; 14
 - (c) World had to deny Christ—Isaiah 53
 - c) We must all appear before the judgement seat of Christ
 - i) Believers—measure of reward
 - (1) Fear of the Lord—2 Cor. 5:11; Romans 8:38-39
 - ii) Unbelievers—judgement for sin
 - (1) Hebrews 10:29-31
 - d) Paul’s intent—to convince and remind Corinthians of his integrity and character—which was Christlike

- e) The intent and character of a missionary should also be like that of Christ—
Philippians 2:1-11
 - i) Ex. Clay and Tammy Richardson
 - (1) 2 Corinthians 5:12-15
 - ii) The offer is for all—reality is only those who ‘die in Christ’ are atoned
 - (1) 2 Peter 3:9; 1 Tim. 2:5; 2 Cor. 4:10
- 4) Who do we go to; where do we go
 - a) Sinners from everywhere—Matt. 28:19—all the world
 - b) See them as the image of God—2 Cor. 5:16-17; 5:9
 - i) Seek to be pleasing to Christ
 - ii) Everybody needs Jesus
- 5) Ministry of reconciliation—restoring of harmony after a conflict
 - a) Where do we find this ministry of reconciliation
 - i) God’s inspired holy Word—the Bible
 - ii) Important to:
 - (1) Paul—2 Tim. 4:6—bring cloak and the scriptures
 - (2) Peter—2 Peter 1:13-14; 17-21 1 Cor. 2:10-13—Word is ‘more sure’
 - b) Who is revealing and translating and interpreting God’ word for us?
 - i) Holy Spirit or someone or something else
 - ii) God’s word is ‘more sure’—Is. 46:10; Matt 5:17-19; Ps. 119:160
 - iii) Use Bible to interpret the Bible first
 - (1) Seek outside sources for clarity and assurance—but always examine them again from the lens of the Bible
- 6) We are all Ambassadors for Christ
 - a) There are many different aspects and jobs in missions work
 - b) God is making an appeal; asking us to beg other beggars to be reconciled to God, through Christ
 - c) The Perfect Sacrifice offers redemption and the ability for unbelievers to be reclaimed from an eternity in hell and eternal separation from God—the command is—GO—and do what we are called and able to do!

