

# What is the main business of the church?

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Then, even to the remotest part of the earth (Acts 13–28)

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Those who are most grateful for their own salvation are usually those who are most eager to share it with others.

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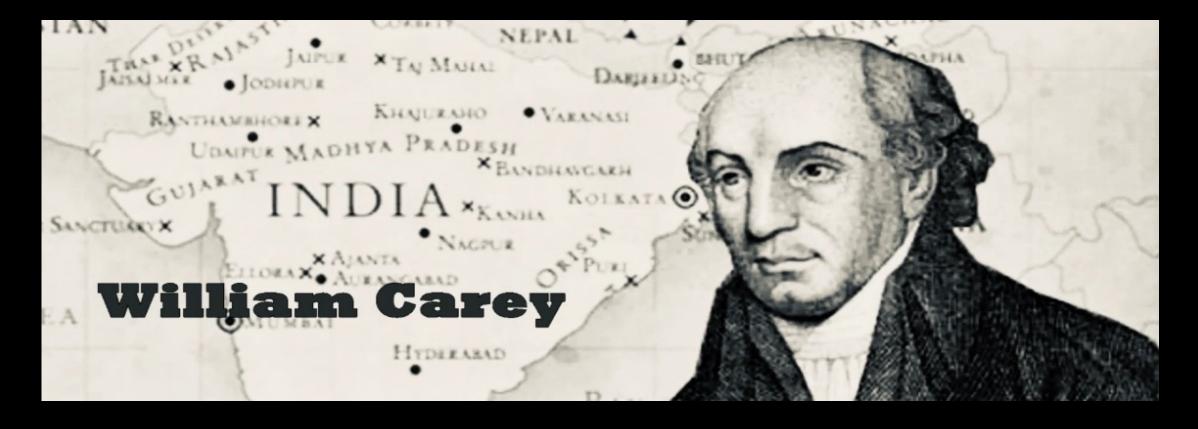
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The father of modern missions famously said that he would 'go down into the pit' (speaking of darkest India) if his close friend, Andrew Fuller, would 'hold the rope.'

In Chapter 14, verses 26-27, we see Paul and Barnabas return to the church in Antioch and inform the congregation of "all that God had done with them, and how he had opened a door of faith to the Gentiles."

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<sup>4</sup> The two of them, sent on their way by the Holy Spirit, went down to Seleucia and sailed from there to Cyprus. <sup>5</sup> When they arrived at Salamis, they proclaimed the word of God in the Jewish synagogues. John was with them as their helper. 6 They traveled through the whole island until they came to Paphos. There they met a Jewish sorcerer and false prophet named Bar-Jesus, <sup>7</sup> who was an attendant of the proconsul, Sergius Paulus.

The proconsul, an intelligent man, sent for Barnabas and Saul because he wanted to hear the word of God. 8 But Elymas the sorcerer (for that is what his name means) opposed them and tried to turn the proconsul from the faith. 9 Then Saul, who was also called Paul, filled with the Holy Spirit, looked straight at Elymas and said, 10 "You are a child of the devil and an enemy of everything that is right! You are full of all kinds of deceit and trickery.

Will you never stop perverting the right ways of the Lord? 11 Now the hand of the Lord is against you. You are going to be blind for a time, not even able to see the light of the sun." Immediately mist and darkness came over him, and he groped about, seeking someone to lead him by the hand. 12 When the proconsul saw what had happened, he believed, for he was amazed at the teaching about the Lord.



He's Not Welcome

