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CALL TO WORSHIP

Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

-Ephesians 3:20-21



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Acts 2:42-47

He sends us.

BIBLICAL BASIS:

And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." -Matt. 28:18-20

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." -Acts 1:8

Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we persuade others. But what we are is known to God, and I hope it is known also to your conscience. -2 Cor. 5:11

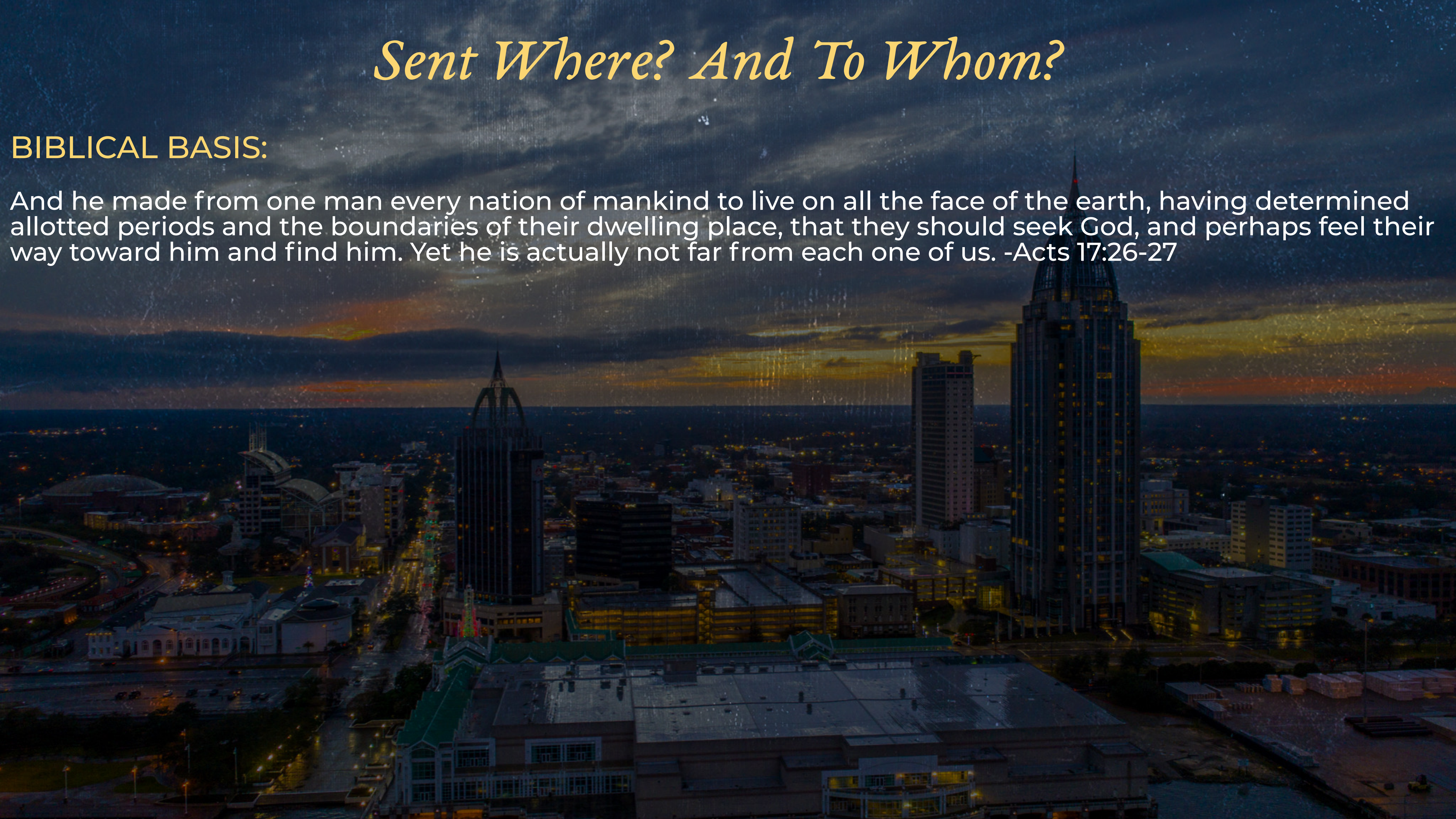
For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.

From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. -2 Cor. 5:14-21

Sent Where? And To Whom?

BIBLICAL BASIS:

And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, that they should seek God, and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us. -Acts 17:26-27



Mobile History

PAST

- Early major port city
- By mid 1800s 2nd largest exporter of cotton and a hub of slave trading
- Last African slave ship in U.S.
- By 1900 Mobile began passing its first discriminatory legislation beginning w/ segregation of trolleys
- Adopted commission form of government w/ 3 elected from at large voting to insure that white wealthy majority rule
- Race Riot 1943 over hiring of 12 black welders at the shipyards
- 1963 desegregation of public schools as 3 African American students allowed to attend Murphy HS
- This was nearly 10 years after SC ruled desegregation of public schools unconstitutional
- March 21, 1981 the last reported lynching of 19 y/o Michael Donald
- 1982 finally overturned commission form to single member district elections
- 1985 mayor council w/ district members

PRESENT

- Population Breakdown: City 200k, County 400k | 50% Black, 45% White, 5% Hispanic, Asian, Int.
- Racial tension still exists
- Mardi Gras still segregated Krewes
- Still very apparent socioeconomic and racial boundaries
- Nearly 1/3 of homes no husband/ dad
- High murder rate/per population
- Growing apathy towards Christian values
- Strides for racial reconciliation
- Revitalization of communities
- Mayoral desire for unity
- Business development

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Jesus Gives Us WHO:

- I. Jerusalem: Regular Close Proximity*
- II. Judea: County but Culturally Same*
- III. Samaria: County but Culturally Different*
- IV. The End of the Earth: Everyone*

How Are We Sent?

BY BEING A PEOPLE OF:

- Truth-seeking in a world of lies, deception, & false teaching
- Building genuine community in a world that is building on things that will wither & fade away
- Formed by the commands and practices of God's Word and living as Spirit-empowered people
- Doing everyday things where we live, work, & play with Gospel intentionality.

HOW WE DESIRE TO BE SENT AT GRACE TABLE:

- To begin to pray for and invite neighbors into our lives
- Pray for and invite people that are like us into our MCs and bible studies
- Pray for and invite people that are different from us into our ragtag community
- If we actually talked about Jesus with these people
- To pray for & labor alongside of Fostering Together
- To open our homes up to orphan care
- Pray for and partner w/ light of the village
- To pray for & labor along side Ransom Ministries

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BENEDICTION

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

-2 Corinthians 13:14



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