

Matthew 28:16-20

[1] And you were dead in the trespasses and sins [2] in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience—[3] among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind.

Ephesians 2:1–10

[4] But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, [5] even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—[6] and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, [7] so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

Ephesians 2:1–10

[8] For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, [9] not a result of works, so that no one may boast. [10] For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

Ephesians 2:1–10

*[17] From that time Jesus began to preach, saying,
“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”*

Matthew 4:17

[18] While walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon (who is called Peter) and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. [19] And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.” [20] Immediately they left their nets and followed him.

Matthew 4:18–22

[21] And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them. [22] Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

Matthew 4:18–22

[16] Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. [17] And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. [18] And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

Matthew 28:16–20

*[19] 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, [20] teaching them to observe all
that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you
always, to the end of the age.”*

Matthew 28:16–20

Mission

[To have Faith in Christ] means, of course, trying to do all that He says. There would be no sense in saying you trusted a person if you would not take his advice. Thus if you have really handed yourself over to Him, it must follow that you are trying to obey Him.

– CS Lewis

But trying in a new way, a less worried way. Not doing these things in order to be saved, but because He has begun to save you already. Not hoping to get to Heaven as a reward for your actions, but inevitably wanting to act in a certain way because a first faint gleam of Heaven is already inside you.

– CS Lewis

Jesus has all authority

Go

Make disciples of all nations

Baptize them

Teach them to obey Jesus

Jesus is with us always

What is mission?

Why does mission matter?

Who can do mission?

Now what?

What is mission?

Mission is not ours; mission is God's. Certainly, the mission of God is the prior reality out of which flows any mission that we get involved in. Or, as has been nicely put, it is not so much the case that God has a mission for his church in the world but that God has a church for his mission in the world. Mission was not made for the church; the church was made for mission-God's mission.

— Christopher Wright

Why does mission matter?

[9] because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. [10] For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. [11] For the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.” [12] For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him.

Romans 10:9–15

[13] For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” [14] How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? [15] And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!”

Romans 10:9–15

Life in Christ is through confession and belief

How will they confess if they do not believe?

How will they believe if they've never heard?

How will they hear if no one tells them?

How will people go and tell if they are not sent?

Mission matters because the Gospel not only good news for us, but good news for the world

The gospel goes to us and through us to transform
the world around us

Who can do mission?

[14] Afterward he appeared to the eleven themselves as they were reclining at table, and he rebuked them for their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they had not believed those who saw him after he had risen. [15]

And he said to them, “Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation.

Mark 16:14–15

~~Who can do mission?~~

Who are missionaries?

[21] Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.”

John 20:21

Do we believe Jesus is who he said he was?

Do we believe Jesus did all that needed to be done to restore humanity and creation back to God?

Do we believe Jesus calls each one of us to proclaim that truth to everyone?

We exist to help people find their way back to God

Now what?

Jesus invites us in, not only to his kingdom,
but to his mission.