

THE JUDEO-CHRISTIAN FAITH

Spring 2017 – WEEK 7 – Evangelism and Missions, pt. 2

☉ Terms:

-Ecclesiology: The study of the Church -- its makeup, message, and mission.

☉ What are Evangelism and Missions?

-Evangelism: from the Greek – "good news" – to **share** the good news about Christ's death and resurrection which provides salvation.

-Mission: *missio dei* – The **redemptive** activity of God in the world seen most clearly in His commissioning of believers and churches.

-Missions: The human response to and **involvement** in God's redemptive activity among the nations.

-Missional – Living the gospel and "doing missions" **everywhere** and at all times.

*The perfect demonstration of the Missio Dei and the call to missions – The **Incarnation** of Christ.

☉ Missions in the Old Testament

*The OT tells the story of God's initiatives to reveal the truth that He is the One true God, that all humanly devised religions are false, and that He has given hope through His love, commandments, and the promise of a Redeemer.

-To demonstrate this, God chose one nation (Israel) to bring His good news to the rest of mankind . . .

☉ Missions in the New Testament

*The NT tells the story of God's initiative to fulfill the Old Covenant on His behalf, and on man's behalf, through the incarnation, mission, ministry, death, and resurrection of Christ.

*To demonstrate this, God chose to use the Bride of Christ – the Church – to bring His good news to the rest of mankind . . .

Matthew 8:11 – "many will come from the east and the west, and will take their places at the feast with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven."

Matthew 9:37-38 – "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."

Matthew 10:18 – "On my account you will be brought before governors and kings as witnesses to them and to the Gentiles."

Matthew 24:14 – "this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations..."

Matthew 28:19-20 – the Great Commission – "go and make disciples of all nations..."

Mark 13:10 – "And the gospel must first be preached to all nations."

Mark 16:15 – the commission in Mark – "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation."

Luke 2:10 – the annunciation of Christ's birth – "But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people."

Luke 2:29-32 – Simeon's confession – "For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the sight of all nations: a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of your people Israel."

Luke 4:16-21 – Jesus begins his ministry – "18 "The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

Luke 24:47 – the commission in Luke – “...and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.”

John 3:16 – God loved the world – “whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.”

John 12:32 – “And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.”

John 20:21 – the commission in John – “As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.”

Acts 1:8 – the commission in Acts – “But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

Acts 3:25 – covenant – “And you are heirs of the prophets and of the covenant God made with your fathers. He said to Abraham, ‘Through your offspring all peoples on earth will be blessed.’”

Acts 9:15 – Paul is chosen to preach to the Gentiles – “But the Lord said to Ananias, ‘Go! This man is my chosen instrument to proclaim my name to the Gentiles and their kings and to the people of Israel.’”

Acts 10:35 – Peter speaking about Cornelius and the Gentiles – “I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism, but accepts from every nation the one who fears him and does what is right.”

Acts 13:47 – Paul and Barnabas – “For this is what the Lord has commanded us: ‘I have made you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth.’”

Romans 1:16 – “For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile.”

Romans 3:29 – “Or is God the God of Jews only? Is he not the God of Gentiles too? Yes, of Gentiles too...”

Romans 9:17 – “For Scripture says to Pharaoh: ‘I raised you up for this very purpose, that I might display my power in you and that my name might be proclaimed in all the earth.’”

Romans 10:12-15 – “For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, ¹³ for, ‘Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.’ ¹⁴ How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? ¹⁵ And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: ‘How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!’”

2 Corinthians 4:15 – reaching the lost – “All this is for your benefit, so that the grace that is reaching more and more people may cause thanksgiving to overflow to the glory of God.”

Galatians 3:8 – mission is both covenants – “Scripture foresaw that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, and announced the gospel in advance to Abraham: ‘All nations will be blessed through you.’”

Ephesians 1:10 – goal of mission – “...to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ.”

Philippians 2:10 – result of mission – “that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth.”

Hebrews 6:13-14 – covenants – “When God made his promise to Abraham, since there was no one greater for him to swear by, he swore by himself, saying, ‘I will surely bless you and give you many descendants.’”

2 Peter 3:9 – God’s promise for all – “The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.”

1 John 2:2 – the whole world – “He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

Revelation 5:9 – every tribe, language, people, and nation – “And they sang a new song, saying: ‘You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased for God persons from every tribe and language and people and nation.’”

Revelation 15:4 – all nations – “Who will not fear you, Lord, and bring glory to your name? For you alone are holy. All nations will come and worship before you, for your righteous acts have been revealed.”