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**The Ongoing Mission**

Acts1:1-14

4 foundational realities for the rapid spread of the message of Jesus Christ in the early church that still make *mission possible* today.

1. **Jesus is alive**; His mission continues (vs. 1-3)

-If not, then our faith is futile, we are still in our sins (1 Cor. 15:17) and there is NO mission.

- “Christianity is not built on speculation or someone’s creative imagination, it is founded on actual historical revelation” (Tony Merida)

-Christ is alive, His mission ‘*to seek and save the lost’* is not dead (Lk. 19:10)

-rejoice, be confident, never give up hope

*Does your life reflect this good news?*

1. **Jesus commands**; engagement in His mission (vs. 4-11)

-He is alive and is the commander and chief of His mission (cf. vs.2, 4ff)

-He continues his mission through his followers/the church (2 Cor. 5:17-20)

-He empowers us for engagement (vs. 8) – *“to do and teach”*

-He will come back

*Are you experiencing His power to witness?*

1. **Obedience and prayer**; are essential for His mission (vs. 12-14)

-Obedience reflects our love for Jesus (cf. Jn. 14:15, 1 Jn. 5:2, 3) and His Lordship (Lk. 6:46)

-Prayer reflects our trust and dependence on God and our desire to be in line with his will (Mt. 26:39).

*Are you taking God’s word seriously? Are you fully relying on Him?*

Let’s approach this new chapter of Calvary’s history as a church family who desperately long to see God continue to move mightily in our present time as He has done in the past.

*His mission continues – engage in it – obediently and prayerfully!*

And let’s watch him build His church.