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since Adam fell in the garden of Eden, and we did not discover the Gospel. Peter, James, John, and others preached it in the days of the early church. Martyrs shed their blood for it, and missionaries by the countless thousands have taken the Gospel around the world and multitudes have come to our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

The truth is that perhaps we are seeing too much of the decline of Christianity in the United States to understand that in many parts of the world the Gospel is making great strides. In Central America, parts of Eastern Europe and, of course, the Far East, the Gospel is reaching millions. The very thrust of the revival in China is beginning to change even the political scene in many ways. I am not saying that we will usher in the Millennial Reign as the world gets better and better. I know the world will wax worse and worse, but I also know the Gospel is still the power of God unto salvation. We are to work while it is day for the

night cometh when no man can work, and the night has not yet come.

Our attitude, then, should be of determination, of willingness to answer the call and carry the Gospel to wherever God leads us. The idea that we cannot change the world is an excuse to do little or nothing in the Kingdom of God. We are commanded to "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature" (Mark 16:15b). Are we to do less than Christ asks us to do because we deem it difficult? It's outrageous for us to take so lightly the Great Commission of our Lord and Saviour or to water it down to some symbolized nonsense. We are called of God to reach the world. How dare we seek to justify anything less than total commitment to the words of Christ. The question is, can we change the world? The answer is, by the power of the Gospel we must. 

Joy in Missions

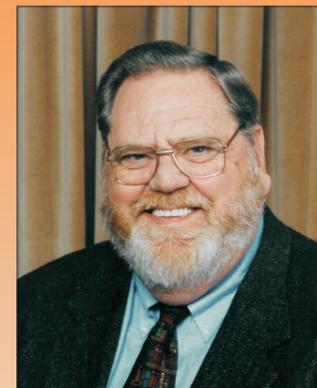
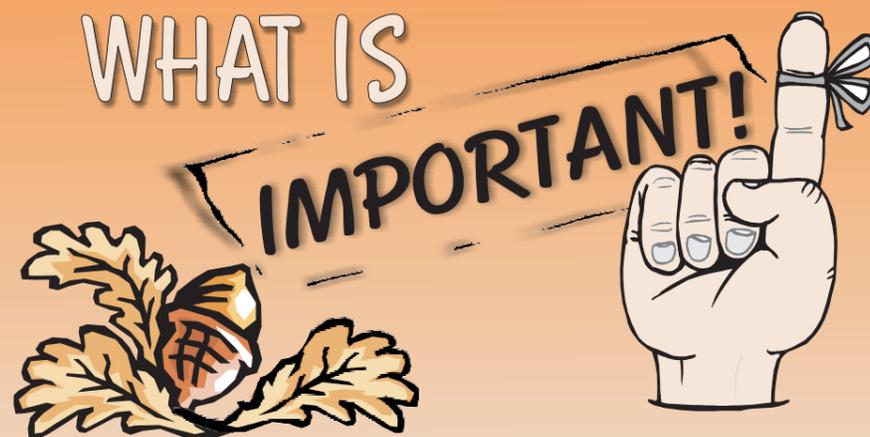
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missions by taking part in our Lord's Great Commission.

You can know the joy of missions by becoming active in missions and letting missions be a vehicle for the Lord to increase your faith and to challenge you to surrender completely to Him. He may not want you to go into missions at this time, but He wants you to be willing to go and to do whatever He may ask of you. Surrender your whole heart to the Lord, let Him use you, and allow your faith to be tested and increased. Souls will be saved, and your life will be changed as a result. Discover the joy of missions today! 



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"And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, [even] unto the end of the world. Amen." (Matthew 28:18-20)

This text seems well worn. Missionaries use it to stress the importance of taking the Gospel to foreign lands. Pastors recite it to impress upon their flocks the importance of reaching people for Christ. This is right and proper, however, if we are not careful, we will miss the fact that we have a commission to preach the Word and disciple men and women for Christ.

Paul instructed Timothy this way, "Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine" (2 Timothy 4:2).

It is easy to be distracted by social issues, political agendas, and ungodly trends. It is, however, important to realise that the answer to the ills of society is the preaching of the Word.

Do we really believe our preaching will change the world? It certainly did on the day of Pentecost when

thousands were pressed into the kingdom of God.

We are not instructed to preach about the Word, what we think about the Word, or how we got the Word, but we are to preach the Word. Social, political, and moral issues are at a low ebb, however, preaching about them will not change them. If we preach the Word and people get saved, they will begin to live right, and all the other issues will begin to change.

WHAT IS IMPORTANT?

How a church can become distracted from the Great Commission can be illustrated by the following story. In Russia in the fateful year of 1917, the year of the Revolution, the Bolshevik party was boldly, efficiently, and ruthlessly carrying out its plans for revolution, overturning the oppressive government of the tsars and putting into place another tyrannical regime

characterized by the atheistic philosophy called communism.

At the very same time, on the very same day, the largest Christian denomination in Russia was holding an all-day meeting. The meeting was filled with harsh, vindictive conflict, all centred on one divisive issue. What was the issue? Was it how the Christian church would respond to the new government that was coming into power? Was it how the church would carry out its mission under the oppression of atheistic rule?

No, the issue was the candles of the sanctuaries of the Russian churches! The church was bitterly divided over whether they should be eighteen or twenty-two inches tall!

The world needs the Gospel! Candles may not distract us today, but, most of the time, it is something just as unimportant. It may seem gigantic in our eyes, but in eternity it will not even be remembered. 

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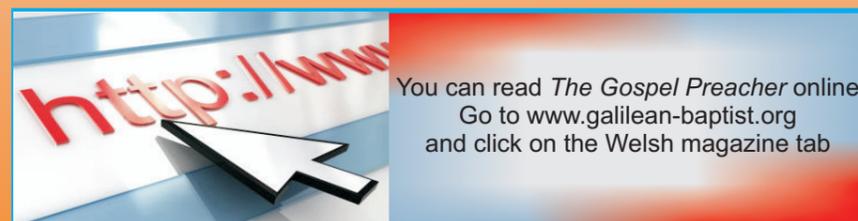


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Joy in Missions

Our service in missions began in our local church long before the Lord called us into full-time ministry. I firmly believe that's how it should be. Sadly, many have forgotten or lost their perspective on the Lord's commission to His disciples, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen" (Matthew 28:19-20).

As young Christians, we were introduced to our responsibilities as part of the Lord's army. We were taught to be diligent to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ wherever possible. Our Lord faithfully promised we would be empowered to be His witnesses. He said, "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth" (Acts 1:8). As we shared Christ with our neighbors, work-mates, and friends, some came to church and trusted Christ, and some rededicated their lives to the Lord. We did what we could in our Jerusalem.

Having been faithfully taught and encouraged to have a heart for missions, we began taking the task seriously. We became involved in Faith Promise Giving, a method of giving to missions, and learned quickly how thrilling and exciting it was to give to missions. We put into practice the law of sowing and reaping, ". . . He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully" 2 Corinthians 9:6.

Our pastor taught us to get to know our missionaries at every opportunity. What a joy it was to befriend them and learn of their ministries. Our first encounter with missionaries was a most memorable and life-changing experience. Our

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Rev. Paul Jones, Lecturer
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Rev. Chris Bluto, Lecturer

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pastor asked us to welcome one of the visiting missionary families into our home during our first missions conference at Cricksands Baptist Church. We eagerly agreed, and soon met the David Weeks' family who were going to Austria. David, Putter (his wife), and their six children came to live with us for a week. During that time we visited, dined, and attended our missions conference together. We learned about a missionary's heart in person. We discovered much about the missionary's call to service, their deputation, as well as their ministry during that week. During the missions conference, we were challenged to seek the Lord's will for our lives. We were challenged to joyfully surrender our hearts to His service. From that time, we gave ourselves to His service and His will. The Lord allowed us to serve in that church for 10 years until He called us into full-time service as missionaries in Wales.

During that missions conference, the Lord taught us that our finances were His, and He gave us a set monetary figure to give to missions that staggered our imaginations. But by His leading we stretched our faith, and we gave the amount He had impressed upon our hearts every month, and we continue to do so to this day. We learned the joy of *continued on back page*



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Can We Change the World?



by **Dr. Gary S. Moore**
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We were all just getting settled on the plane to return home after some very hot, very grueling ten days in Honduras. We were beyond tired, and we were all looking forward to arriving home and sleeping in our own beds that night. Still there was a lingering sense of excitement in our hearts and minds as we reflected on what God had allowed us to do and see over the past week and a half. Dr. Rooney, head of our medical team, was sitting just across the aisle from me. He remarked on our journey, "I think we did a better job this year. I think we made a difference." At the start of our trip, there was a discussion about how much difference we could really make in a country of seven million people. Was it possible for our work to even matter? Would it be enough to even be measured?

Years ago, while serving as a missionary to Wales, I had sat in on a long, theological debate on issues that would face the church in the 21st century. As we were talking of such things, one pastor stood and said, "Surely, we are not to believe that the Great Commission is to be taken literally. God does not expect us to

change the world." I should have remained silent, but I could not. I rose to my feet and told of a family who lived in the housing estate just across from Gabalfa Baptist Church where I served as missionary pastor. This family was about to break up. The children had no discipline. The home was without love. The two boys began to attend our Youth Group on Friday nights and then Sunday school. One Sunday the parents came. The father got saved. Not long after that, the mother got saved. The family stayed together, and all of them were baptized. For this family, the world was changed. Every part of their world was different, never to be the same again. I believe we are placed here to change the world.

Now I know the argument is that while a few families and individuals might be saved and some change might come, it is ever so small. In the grand scheme of things, it will effectively make no difference to society as a whole. Let me state that just because the society in which we live may seem to be unchanged by our efforts in missions and evangelism, for example, sin is still rampant, government is still corrupt, laws still promote sin and sinful living, that

does not mean that the family or individual who gets saved is any less saved or has less of a change in their personal lives. Remember we are working for an eternal Kingdom. While it may be noble to seek to make a change on the national level or affect society as a whole, a need met in one small corner of the world is still a need met. While we labour to take the Gospel into all the world, we must remember that we will reach that world one soul at a time. Every time the Gospel is preached, we are looking for individuals to respond to the message.

What then of society as a whole, or governments, or national movements? Are we to say that, no matter what we do, it must always be seen as a drop in the ocean or just a tiny little speck of sand on the vast beaches of the world? Not at all, for we are not lone rangers on the vast wilderness of sin. We are soldiers in a mighty army, workers with many alongside us, to reach the world for Jesus Christ. Too many times, we think of our work as being the only outreach for the Gospel. We believe we are the last of the few who ever spoke for God, the lone voice in a sea of sinfulness that has enveloped the world. Let me remind you that our generation did not discover sin. It has been with us

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