

# EVANGELISM AND MISSIONS

## Article 11

## **XI. Evangelism and Missions**

“It is the duty and privilege of every follower of Christ and of every church of the Lord Jesus Christ to endeavor to make disciples of all nations. The new birth of man's spirit by God's Holy Spirit means the birth of love for others.

Missionary effort on the part of all rests thus upon a spiritual necessity of the regenerate life, and is expressly and repeatedly commanded in the teachings of Christ. The Lord Jesus Christ has commanded the preaching of the gospel to all nations.

It is the duty of every child of God to seek constantly to win the lost to Christ by verbal witness undergirded by a Christian lifestyle, and by other methods in harmony with the gospel of Christ.”

*--Baptist Faith and Message 2000*

*Genesis 12:1-3; Exodus 19:5-6; Isaiah 6:1-8; Matthew 9:37-38; 10:5-15; 13:18-30, 37-43; 16:19; 22:9-10; 24:14; 28:18-20; Luke 10:1-18; 24:46-53; John 14:11-12; 15:7-8,16; 17:15; 20:21; Acts 1:8; 2; 8:26-40; 10:42-48; 13:2-3; Romans 10:13-15; Ephesians 3:1-11; 1 Thessalonians 1:8; 2 Timothy 4:5; Hebrews 2:1-3; 11:39-12:2; 1 Peter 2:4-10; Revelation 22:17.*

# **EVANGELISM**

Evangelism is an inner urging that is the normal impulse of a person who has been born again.

“The new birth of man’s spirit by the Spirit of God’s Holy Spirit means the birth of love for others.” –*BF&M 2000*

Evangelism is the action of directly, but compassionately telling a sinner how he or she can trust upon Jesus as Lord and Savior, and be saved from the wrath that is coming; then inviting that sinner to turn from sin and self to Jesus Christ in full, confidence and faith.



## Evangelism is NOT:

- Community activism
- Social liberation or activism
- Good deeds
- Service projects

Each of these could be performed by a non-Christian.

Please do NOT say: “Preach the gospel at all times, use words if necessary.”

The New Testament makes it abundantly clear that words are necessary.

Please hear and consider the following verse:

“How then shall they call upon Him  
in whom they have not believed? And  
how shall they believe in Him of  
whom they have not heard? And how  
shall they hear without a preacher?”  
(Romans 10:14)

# **MISSIONS**

Missions is the strategy of taking the gospel to the ends of the earth.

Missions is not about geographical distance, as much as it is about crossing language, cultural, and religious barriers to present the gospel and establish New Testament churches among a people group.

The Great Commission of our Lord Jesus does not offer us an option. Instead, the Risen Christ announces a mandate: “make disciples of every ethnic group!”

You **NEED** to read at least one good book about a Baptist missionary:

- William Carey—41 years in India without once returning home to England.
- Adoniram Judson—28 years in Burma, enduring torture, imprisonment, and death of family members. Returned to America once during that time.

- Lottie Moon—missionary to China. Born to a wealthy family. Died with a net worth of \$259, “of whom the world was not worthy.”

- Bill Wallace—from Knoxville, Tennessee. Missionary doctor to China. Martyred in a Chinese prison.

(for information on a movie about Wallace, go to:

<https://vimeo.com/30820762>



Evangelism and missions have been assigned to the church, to be accomplished by means of the work of each member. Every church, in order to be obedient to Christ, must have a clear strategy of evangelism and missions.

What role are you playing in this great endeavor to bring the gospel to the world, to bring the world to the feet of Jesus?

Have you ever explained the gospel to an unsaved person at any point in your entire lifetime?