

MADE FOR MORE



The Four Great Truths of Missions

Romans 10:12-15 (NIV) ¹² 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 they preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

1. What is the **motivation** behind missions?
2. What led the founders of the A/G to commit themselves to the **greatest** missionary movement the world has ever seen?
3. There are four great truths of missions that **demand** our commitment to win the world to Jesus.

TRUTH #1- THE WORLD IS _____ (v. 12a)

1. Are the Heathen **really** lost?
2. What does **God's Word** say? In the Old Testament "Goyim" and in the new Testament "Ethne," the words Heathen and Gentile are used interchangeably.
3. All of Mankind have received the dual lights of Conscience (Rom. 1:18; 3:11,23; Psalm 14:2-3 and Creation. (Romans 1:18; Romans 3:11,23; Romans; Psalm 14:2-3)
4. The Heathen really ARE lost! (Romans 3:23; 5:12; John 3:18; Eph 2:12)

TRUTH #2- THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST IS THE ONLY _____ FOR THIS LOST WORLD (v12b-13)

1. Is Jesus the **only** way to Heaven? **John 14:6 (NIV)** Jesus *answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.*
2. Three illustrations
 - a. Religions are like windows
John 10:7.9 (NIV) ⁷Therefore Jesus said again, "I tell you the truth, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁹I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. He will come in and go out, and find pasture.
 - b. Three blind men and an elephant

- c. All roads lead to heaven. (Proverbs 14:12; 2 Peter 3:9; John 3:16)
3. Jesus IS the **ONLY** remedy for sin! (2 Cor 5:21, Philippians 2:5-11; Acts 4:12)

TRUTH #3-THE LOST WORLD CANNOT HEAR OR BELIEVE UNLESS THE _____ IS PREACHED TO IT (V 14)

1. Will a **loving** God actually send someone to Hell? (Genesis 18:25; Matthew 25:41)
2. Mankind **deserves** Hell, not Heaven.
3. It seems **unfair** that those who have never heard go to Hell.
4. The Great How Questions of Romans 10:13-14 make it **clear** that there can be no believing without hearing.

TRUTH #4-THE _____ PEOPLE GOD WILL EVER USE IN GETTING THIS GOSPEL MESSAGE OUT TO A LOST WORLD ARE THOSE WHO HAVE ALREADY HEARD IT (V. 15)

1. People are concerned about the "high cost of missions."
2. Should we send money directly to pastors overseas?
3. The heathen are lost and **cannot** get to Heaven by themselves.

Ephesians 2:12 (NIV) *remember that at that time you were separate from Christ, excluded from citizenship in Israel and foreigners to the covenants of the promise, without hope and without God in the world.*

Matthew 1:21 (NIV) *She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."*

John 3:16 (NIV) *For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.*

Luke 24:27 (NIV) *And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.*

Matthew 28:19 (NIV) *Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,*

Acts 1:8 (NIV) *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.*

Conclusion:

1. "Cure for an Incurable Disease"
2. There is a cost for missions, but missions is an outreach of love

John 14:15 (NIV) *"If you love me, you will obey what I command.*

Mark 16:15 (NIV) *He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation.*

Luke 2:49 (NIV) *"Why were you searching for me?" he asked. "Didn't you know I had to be in my Father's house?"*

Philippians 3:8 (NIV) *What is more, I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them rubbish, that I may gain Christ*