

"A BASIC SURVEY OF BIBLICAL NEW TESTAMENT MISSIONS"

ACTS 13:1-5

I. THE MEANING OF MISSIONS

Basically speaking, **MISSIONS IS THE ACT OF THE MEMBERS OF THE BODY OF CHRIST FULFILLING THE GREAT COMMISSION IN EVANGELISM, DISCIPLESHIP AND CHURCH PLANTING. (NOTE ACTS 14:19-23)**

- A. Evangelizing the Unsaved – Vs. 21
- B. Edifying the Believers (Discipleship) – Vs. 22
- C. Establishing Local Churches (Church planting) – Vs. 23

II. THE SIGNIFICANCE OF MISSIONS

- A. Obedience to Christ in fulfilling the Great Commission
-Matthew 28:19,20; Mark 16:15
- B. Obedience to the Concept of Evangelism
-Mark 1:17; Proverbs 11:30; 2 Corinthians 5:17-20

III. THE AGENTS OF MISSIONS

- A. The Local Church as seen in Antioch – Acts 13:1-5
- B. The Individual Christian as seen in Paul and Barnabas – Acts 13:1-5

IV. THE RESULT OF MISSIONS

- A. The Name of God is made known
- B. The Work of Christ is told
- C. The Souls of Individuals are saved
- D. The Lives of Christians are matured
- E. The Testimony of Churches are established

V. THE NEGLECT OF MISSIONS

- A. For the Individual Christian and the Local Church
-**DISOBEDIENCE TO THE CLEAR ADMONITION OF CHRIST THROUGH THE GREAT COMMISSION, WHICH DISOBEDIENCE IS SIN AND THE LOSS OF SPIRITUAL BLESSING.**
- B. For the Individual Lost Person
-**THEY MAY NEVER HEAR THE MESSAGE OF CHRIST AND THE GOSPEL.**
-Romans 10:13,14

VI. THE PERSONAL INVOLVEMENT IN MISSIONS

- A. Personal Study of the Word of God to learn about missions
- B. Personal Prayer for Mission Ministries and Missionaries
- C. Personal Financial Support for Mission Ministries and Missionaries
- D. Personal Response to Missions Ministry
 1. All can and should be involved in missions in one manner or another.
 2. All can and should consider some level of "short term missions."
 3. Some are called into "**FULL-TIME VOCATIONAL MISSIONS.**"

A FULL-TIME VOCATIONAL MISSIONARY IS ONE WHO IS CALLED BY GOD TO GO TO A CERTAIN LOCATION (COUNTRY, STATE, CITY) OR A CERTAIN PEOPLE GROUP (A SPECIFIC ETHNIC GROUP OR RELIGION) TO BE PERSONALLY INVOLVED IN EVANGELISM, DISCIPLESHIP (EDIFICATION) AND CHURCH PLANTING (ESTABLISHING CHURCHES).

VII. THE PERSONAL CALL TO MISSIONS

- A. Having an open heart to God's call into missions.
- B. Having a desire for missions involvement.
- C. Having a lasting inward compulsion to **GO** into missions.
- D. Having an interest in seeing a certain geographical location or people group evangelized.
- E. Having a direction from the Holy Spirit through the Word of God to go into missions ministry.
- F. Having a willing heart to go where the Lord is leading in missions ministry.