

## **“CHRIST’S COMMISSION IS OUR MISSION”**

### **ACTS 1:1-11**

**INTRO:** During the month of April our focus here at FBC has been on **WORLD-WIDE MISSIONS**. It has been both a blessing and a challenge to hear from our missionary speakers as well as from our various field testimonies. Carlene Piper has done a stellar job in speaking to us on the subject **“FROM THE HEART OF A MISSIONARY”** on Wednesday evenings. Our theme has been **“CHRIST’S COMMISSION IS OUR MISSION”** and it has been my prayer that God has been speaking to our hearts about the advancement of personal and congregational missions. Today, as your pastor, I want to wrap up **MISSIONS MONTH** by addressing our theme as it is given by Christ in Acts 1:1-11 which is the fifth time the **GREAT COMMISSION OF CHRIST** is mentioned in scripture. ***If something is mentioned once in scripture it is significant. If it is mentioned numerous times, God obviously wants us to take heed.*** And those who love and who desire to obey the Lord will truly take heed with the intent of obeying. So today, let’s study together that **CHRIST’S COMMISSION IS OUR MISSION**.

#### ***I. THE EXAMINATION OF CHRIST’S COMMISSION***

**DEFINITION OF “COMMISSION”-** **A COMMISSION IS A COMMAND OR DUTY GIVEN TO A PERSON OR A GROUP OF PEOPLE FROM SOMEONE WITH AUTHORITY WITH THE EXPECTATION OF COMPLETE PERFORMANCE.**

- The Commission is given by our Lord Jesus Christ – The authority.
- The Commission is given to every Christian and local church – With no exemption.

##### **A. The Context of the Commission in Acts 1:1-11**

1. Christ’s Resurrection – Vs. 3: The **FOUNDATION** of the Commission
2. Christ’s Instruction – Vss. 4,5: The **AUTHORITY** of the Commission
3. Christ’s Admonition – Vss. 6,7: The **PRIORITY** of the Commission
4. Christ’s Expectation – Vs. 8: The **ESSENCE** of the Commission
5. Christ’s Ascension – Vs. 9: The **THRUST** of the Commission
6. Christ’s Revelation – Vss. 10,11: The **CONTINUANCE** of the Commission

##### **B. The Concept of the Commission of the Commission in Acts 1:8**

1. As to its Power – The Holy Spirit: A reference to the **Day of Pentecost** when the Holy Spirit came upon the Apostles. Acts 2:1-4
2. As to its People – The individual apostles who were the original believers in Christ with application to all believers since. **“You and Ye” are plural.**
3. As to its Progress – Each believer in Christ is a witness which means to be a **STRONG DECLARER OF THE FACTS (OF CHRIST’S RESURRECTION).**
4. As to its Prospect – Note the phrase **“BOTH IN”** which indicates that all believers are to be involved in the full prospect of the Commission.
  - a. Jerusalem – The City = Altoona, PA
  - b. Judea – The County = Blair
  - c. Samaria – The State = Pennsylvania
  - d. The Uttermost Part - The furthest extent on earth = Kerguelen Islands

**NOTE:** The **KERGUELEN ISLANDS** are the most extreme extent (The Anti-Meridian) from Altoona on the face of the earth. They are located in the Indian Ocean equal distance from Africa, Australia, and Antarctica. They are referred to as **THE MOST ISOLATED PART OF THE EARTH**. It is where 45 people live in the winter and 110 people live in the summer to monitor satellites in space. Those who live on the **KERGUELEN ISLANDS** need the Lord. **FROM THE PERSPECTIVE OF THE BIBLICAL WORLD VIEW, THOSE OF US WHO ARE BELIEVERS IN ALTOONA, PA ARE COMMISSIONED BY CHRIST TO REACH THOSE WHO LIVE IN THE KERGUELEN ISLANDS. HOW DO WE DO SO?**

- Pray for their salvation.
- Pray that we will be able to reach them through our media ministries through Internet, Facebook and Radio

**NOTE: IF IT IS CHRIST'S COMMISSION FOR US TO REACH THE KERGUELEN ISLANDS (OUR UTTERMOST PART OF THE EARTH), AND IT IS, THEN HE WILL MAKE A WAY FOR US TO DO SO IF WE ARE PRAYERFULLY WILLING TO DO SO.**

**ILLUSTRATION: The early church reached their uttermost which seemed astronomical to them and so should we be willing to do so as well. Note Colossians 1:6,23.**

## **II. THE EXPLANATION OF OUR MISSION**

**DEFINITION OF "MISSION" - A MISSION IS AN IMPORTANT ASSIGNMENT GIVEN BY SOMEONE IN AUTHORITY THAT IS TO BE FULFILLED BY A CERTAIN GROUP OF PEOPLE.**

- The Authority is Jesus Christ
- The Certain Group is all believers of the Body of Christ – The Church
- A. The Company of the Mission
  - All Believers and every Local Church in Jesus Christ – **NO EXEMPTIONS.**
- B. The Concept of the Mission
  - 1. For every believer without exception to fulfill the assignment to be a **WORLD-WIDE WITNESS FOR CHRIST.**
    - To pray – To give – To go.
  - 2. For every believer to be enabled by the Holy Spirit to fulfill the assignment. **THE HOLY SPIRIT WILL ENABLE EVERYONE WHO IS WILLING TO OBEY AND FULFILL THE MISSION.**
- C. The Continuance of the Mission
  - Until we see the Lord: Luke 19:13

### **LESSON/APPLICATION**

1. It is a privilege and a joy to be commissioned BY Christ with the mission to reach others FOR Christ.
2. It is a responsibility for every believer and local church to fulfill the mission of the commission of Christ.  
**WHAT ARE YOU DOING? WHAT WILL YOU DO?**
3. Let's claim the KERGUELEN ISLANDS for Jesus Christ!