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Committed to World Evangelization

Romans 15:8-21

8 Now I say that Jesus Christ has become a servant to the circumcision for the truth of God, to confirm the promises made to the fathers,

9 and that the Gentiles might glorify God for His mercy, as it is written: "For this reason I will confess to You among the Gentiles, And sing to Your name."

10 And again he says: "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with His people!"

11 And again: "Praise the LORD, all you Gentiles! Laud Him, all you peoples!"



12 And again, Isaiah says: "There shall be a root of Jesse; And He who shall rise to reign over the Gentiles, In Him the Gentiles shall hope."

13 Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

14 Now I myself am confident concerning you, my brethren, that you also are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge, able also to admonish one another.

15 Nevertheless, brethren, I have written more boldly to you on some points, as reminding you, because of the grace given to me by God,



16 that I might be a minister of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles, ministering the gospel of God, that the offering of the Gentiles might be acceptable, sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

17 Therefore I have reason to glory in Christ Jesus in the things which pertain to God.

18 For I will not dare to speak of any of those things which Christ has not accomplished through me, in word and deed, to make the Gentiles obedient—

19 in mighty signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God, so that from Jerusalem and round about to Illyricum I have fully preached the gospel of Christ.



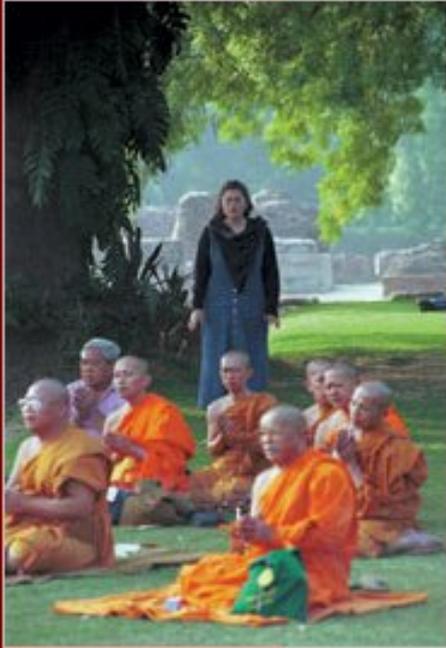
20 And so I have made it my aim to preach the gospel, not where Christ was named, lest I should build on another man's foundation,

21 but as it is written: "To whom He was not announced, they shall see; And those who have not heard shall understand."

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Missions is Trans-cultural Work



- Missions is evangelism which crosses geographical and/or cultural boundaries. Our commitment to world evangelization includes participating in missions and supporting those who give their lives to this work.

Church Principles, First Baptist Church, Tallassee

Ron Blue

- World missions is a sending process in which trained individuals penetrate those places that are otherwise unreached in the normal flow of evangelism.

Ron Blue, *Evangelism and Missions: Strategies for Outreach in the 21st Century*, Word Books, 2001



Missions is Trans-cultural Work



- “It has always been my ambition to preach the gospel where Christ was not known, so that I would not be building on someone else’s foundation.”
Verse 20
- *By Definition, Missions Cannot Begin at Home*

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- Crossing Geographical Boundaries
- Vs. 20 “Where Christ was not known” (NIV)



- Going to New People Groups
- Vs. 21 “...As it is written:
‘Those who were not told about him will see, and those who have not heard will understand.’”

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- *By ambition, evangelism will not stay at home*
- Verse 20 “It has always been my ambition to preach the gospel where Christ was not known...”
- Jerusalem Bible: “Making it a point of honor to limit this mission to those regions where no one called on Christ”

Love of Challenge



- But why, some say, the moon? Why choose this as our goal? And they may well ask why climb the highest mountain. Why, 35 years ago, fly the Atlantic? Why does Rice play Texas?

John F. Kenney, Rice University, September 12, 1962

Love of Challenge



- “We choose to go to the moon. We choose to go to the moon in this decade and do the other things, **not** because they are easy, but because they are hard...”



- **Love of Challenge**
- Of all people, Christians should love challenges. Every believer has resources the world does not have. Challenges are an opportunity to display the glory of God.

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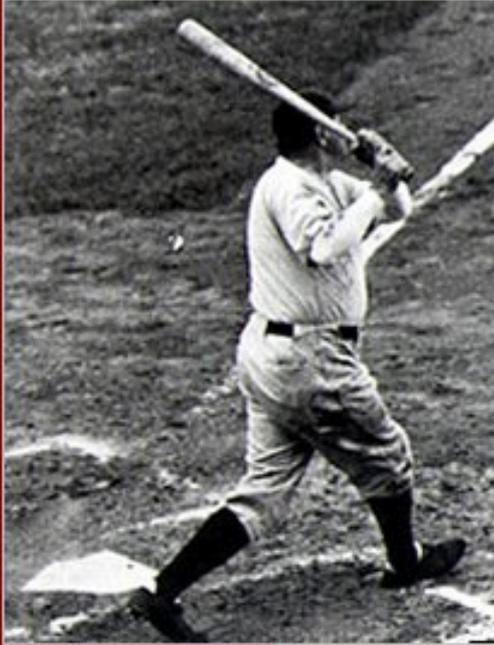
- *By ambition, evangelism will not stay at home*
- Love for the Lost
- Love of Christ

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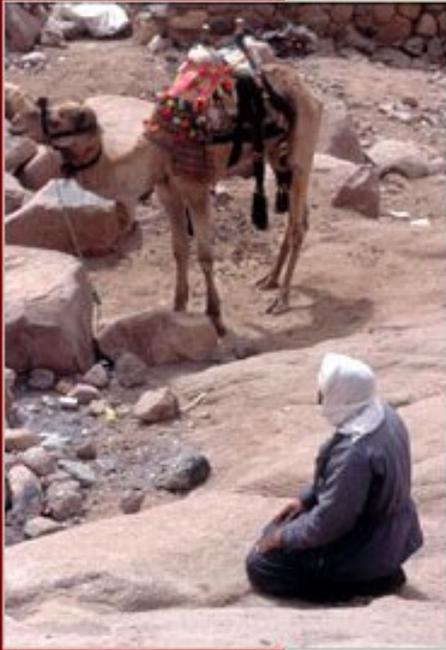
- *By commission,* evangelism must not stay at home.
- “Jesus came and told his disciples, ‘I have been given complete authority in heaven and on earth. Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations...’”
Matthew 28:18-20

Missions is Part of God's Eternal Work



- Missions is God's Called Shot

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- vs. 8 “Christ came as a servant to the Jews to show that God is true to the promises he made to their ancestors” (NLT)



- vs. 9 Quoting 2nd Sam. 22:50
“I will praise you among the
Gentiles; I will sing praises
to your name.” (NLT)



- Vs. 10 Quoting Duet. 32:43
“Rejoice, O you Gentiles,
along with his people, the
Jews.” (NLT)
- Vs. 11 Quoting Psalm 117:1
“Praise the Lord, all you
Gentiles; praise him, all you
people of the earth.” (NLT)



- Vs. 12 Quoting Isaiah 11:10
“The heir to David’s throne will come, and he will rule over the Gentiles. They will place their hopes on him.” (NLT)



“... You were slain, and with your blood you purchased men for God from every tribe and language and people and nation”
Revelation 5:9 (NIV)

Ron Blue Summarizes:



- **Every Tribe:** Ethnic representation will be complete
- **Every Language:** Linguistic representation will be complete
- **Every People:** Cultural representation will be complete
- **Every Nation:** Political representation will be complete

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- Where God is Moving, We Should Move with Him

Missions is Part of Believers' Priestly Work



- “...Because of the grace God gave me to be a minister of Christ Jesus to the Gentiles with the priestly duty of proclaiming the gospel of God, so that the Gentiles might become an offering acceptable to God, sanctified by the Holy Spirit.”
Verse 15-16 (NIV)

Missions is a Supernatural Work



- “...in mighty signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God, so that from Jerusalem and round about to Illyricum I have fully preached the gospel of Christ.”
Verse 19

Missions is Personal Work



- “I will not venture to speak of anything except what Christ has accomplished through me in leading the Gentiles to obey God by what I have said and done”
verse 18 (NIV)



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