

WE WITNESS TO THE LOST

(Matthew 24:14)

For the glory of God, in obedience to Jesus Christ and by the power of the Holy Spirit, we, as a Church, strive together to fulfill this mission: *We are a Gospel-Commissioned, Disciple-Making Church which Proclaims God's Word, Equips God's People and Witnesses to the Lost.*

The glorious return of our Savior and the end of the age will not take place apart from the worldwide proclamation of the Gospel. This is the reason why our Lord Jesus has commanded the Church to go, declare the gospel throughout the world and make disciples of all nations. As we reflect on Jesus' instruction regarding His second coming, we will consider the essential features of our missionary task to witness to the lost.

1. *The _____ of our Mission*

The theme of our missionary task is about Jesus and the gospel of God's kingdom (Matt. 24:14). The gospel of the kingdom that Jesus Himself preached about and that He has called us to proclaim to all nations is the good news that God's Kingdom, which is the domain of God's rule, is graciously offered and granted to anyone who puts his or her trust in Jesus alone for salvation (Matt. 4:17, 23; Col. 1:13-14). The chief end of our missionary task is the worship of God. God's goal in the worldwide proclamation of the gospel is the universal exaltation of Christ. God's aim is that the name of His Son Jesus would be known, trusted, worshipped, exalted, enjoyed and honored among all the peoples of the earth. For when the Son is glorified, the Father is glorified (Phil. 2:10-11). It's our passion for the worship of God in Christ that must ignite our compassion for the lost. We go and witness to the lost because our Savior and King Jesus is worthy of supreme adoration and universal praise (Rev. 5:13).

2. *The _____ of our Mission*

The gospel of Christ bears testimony to all nations that Jesus alone is the divine Savior and that there's no other way to be in God's kingdom apart from saving faith in Christ (Matt. 24:14; 7:21; John 6:40; Acts 4:12). One's response to the gospel, either faith or unbelief, will determine one's eternal destiny (2 Thess. 1:8-9). Another essential feature of our witnessing task is the cost we need to consider in fulfilling our mission. God has ordained suffering, persecution and even martyrdom as the means and cost of finishing the Great Commission (Matt. 24:9; Rev. 6:9-11). Our Lord Jesus is calling us to renounce the casual, comfortable, complacent and cultural form of Christianity. God demands that we live out biblical Christianity which is willing to suffer the loss of all things for the sake of gaining Christ (Phil. 1:21; 3:8).

3. *The _____ of our Mission*

The triumph of our mission is guaranteed by our Lord Jesus Himself whose words always come to pass (Matt. 24:35). The gospel of the kingdom will certainly be proclaimed throughout the whole world (Matt. 24:14). Nothing and no one could stop Jesus from successfully finishing His mission. The Great Commission will be completed (Rev. 11:15). The question that we need to answer is, "Are we fulfilling our part in finishing our Lord's Great Commission?"