

TRIUMPH of Joy in the Nations

Intro: A Season Focusing on Outreach. Lifelines Missions Offering Each Week Highlights & Brochure

I. REVIEW: The *Joy* of the Great Commandment Fuels the Great Commission.

His purpose in redeeming us is to be known by all. **The Great Commandment gives birth to the Great Commission!**

Matt 22.36 “Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?”
37 And he said to him, “You shall **love the Lord your God** with **all** your heart... soul and ... mind. **39** And a second is like it: You shall **love your neighbor as yourself**. **40** On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.”

II. God’s PASSION is to be known and loved.

God’s ultimate goal is that his name be known and praised and enjoyed by all the peoples of the earth.

“This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in the whole world.”
The gospel is about the kingdom of God. It is about the reign of God. It is the TRIUMPH of Love over sin and death and judgment and Satan and guilt and fear.

It is good news — our God reigns. It’s the gospel of the kingdom.

That Jesus might be known, loved, admired, honored, trusted, and followed in every nation of the Earth.

Rom 15.8 ESV For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God’s truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, **9** and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

“Therefore I will **praise** you among the Gentiles,
and **sing** to your name.” (Ps 18:49)

10 And again it is said,

“**Rejoice**, O Gentiles, with his people.” (Dt 32:43)

11 And again,

“**Praise** the Lord, all you Gentiles,
and let all the peoples extol him.” (Ps 117:1)

12 And again Isaiah says,

“The root of Jesse will come,
even he who arises to rule the Gentiles;
in him will the Gentiles hope.” (Isa 11:10)

III. God’s **PURPOSE** Cannot Fail.

It is an absolutely certain promise. It is going to happen.

Matt 24.14 And this gospel of the kingdom **will be proclaimed throughout the whole world** as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.

Sovereignty of Jesus: “**All authority** in heaven and on earth has been given to me” **Matt 28:18**

Nothing can stop him: “**I will build my church** and the gates of hell **shall not prevail** against it” **Matt 16:18**)

If we as a church are disobedient, it is not the cause of God and the cause of world missions that will lose — we will lose.

We can be **drunk with private concerns** and **indifferent** to the great enterprise of world evangelization, but God will simply pass over us and do his great work while we shrivel up in our little land of comfort.

IV. **FOCUS** is on Reaching People Groups

Rev 5.9 And they sang a new song, saying,

“Worthy are you to take the scroll
and to open its seals,
for you were slain, and by your blood you
ransomed people for God
from **every tribe** and **language** and **people** and **nation**,

10 and you have made them a **kingdom** of **priests** to our God,
and **they (we) shall reign** on the earth.”

There are thousands of people groups that have never heard.

42% of world's population live in unreached groups.

Gan Chinese 40 million with no Scripture, film or audio;

458,000 villages in India with no known Christians.

Iran fastest growing (19% per year)

V. PRIORITY: Blessing and Joy

Ps 67:1 NKJ God be merciful to us and **bless** us,
And cause His face to shine upon us,
Selah

2 **That Your way may be known on earth,**
Your salvation among all nations.

4 Oh, **let the nations be glad and sing for joy!**
For You shall judge the people righteously,
And govern the nations on earth.

NEXT WEEK: Mission's Offering (at least \$40,000)

PRAY & OBEY

VI. PRICE: Breakthroughs Involve Conflict

Matt 24.9 ESV “Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and put you to death, and you will be **hated by all nations** for my name's sake.

Col 1.24 ESV Now I **rejoice** in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church,

Our Breakthroughs Change Spiritual Structures

Acts 16:6 Forbidden by Holy Spirit to preach in province of Asia

7 Not permitted by Spirit of Jesus to go to Bithynia

9 Night Vision of Macedonian Man, "Come over and help us!"

12-14 Philippi & Lydia

16-18 Demon possessed slave girl

22 Riot, beaten with wooden rods, many blows

24 Inner dungeon, feet in stocks

Acts 16:25 NKJ But at **midnight** Paul and Silas were praying and **singing hymns to God**, and the prisoners were **listening** to them.

26 Suddenly there was a **great earthquake**, so that the **foundations** of the prison were shaken; and immediately **all the doors were opened** and **everyone's chains were loosed**. 27 And the **keeper of the prison**, awaking from sleep and seeing the prison doors open, supposing the prisoners had fled, drew his sword and was **about to kill himself**. 28 But Paul called with a loud voice, saying, "Do yourself no harm, for **we are all here**."

29 Then he called for a light, ran in, and fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. 30 And he brought them out and said, "**Sirs, what must I do to be saved?**"

31 So they said, "**Believe** on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be **saved**, you and your household." 32 Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. 33 And he took them the same hour of the night and **washed their stripes**. And immediately **he and all his family were baptized**. 34 Now when he had brought them into his house, he set **food before them**; and he **rejoiced**, having believed in God with all his household.

PRAY FOR THOSE ENGAGED IN CONFLICT

Grace for the Victory

Rom 15:13 May the God of hope fill you with **all joy and peace** in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may **abound in hope!**