

## **"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.