

MONDAY 9.22.25 - John 17:18-21

These verses are part of Christ's farewell prayer expressing concerns for his disciples prior to his crucifixion. He is preparing them for their mission as He sends them into the world to continue His work, just as he was sent by God.

As Christ was united with the Father, Christ prays for his followers to work in harmony with each other and reflect the unity Christ shares with the Father. By serving together, believers show Christ's love and concern for the world and act as a testimony to others.

As Christ prayed for his disciples, he was praying that we approach our mission in unity and that we reflect the relationship between Jesus and God. It is a profound responsibility we bear when we realize that the world is watching as we interact with both believers and unbelievers alike. It is said that in everything we do, we are either drawing someone closer to Christ or driving them further away!

SPACE FOR REFLECTION

TUESDAY 9.23.25 - Romans 10:13-15

Having been a missionary for much of my adult life, today scripture became a favorite of mine. However, let us not be confused, it is not only the job of one who has been called to be a missionary to go and share the good news of Christ. If you claim Christ as your savior, you too have been called to share the good news of Christ with the lost. You may ask, what is my mission field? If God has not called you to the mission field, then your mission field is right where you are. You have been called to share Christ, in your home, your town, your neighborhood. This is your mission field. We may not all be called to go overseas, but we have all been called to be missionaries right where we are. Ask God to show you how to be a missionary for the Gospel of Christ right here and now.

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WEDNESDAY 9.24.25 - Mark 16:15

In 1851, Queen Victoria and the city of London played host to "The Great Exhibition of the Works of Industry of All Nations." It was an opportunity for inventors to show the most innovative industrial equipment of the day. The machine that won first prize was a masterpiece of 7,000 moving parts. There were gears, pulleys, pistons, bells, and whistles—all perfectly synchronized. However, the machine made nothing—absolutely nothing! Those thousands of parts just pumped, twisted, and turned together. All that power and all that work served no useful purpose. The same thing can happen to a church. It can have a multitude of programs and activities and yet accomplish nothing of eternal value. A church must focus on fulfilling the command of Christ given to His followers: "Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation." Ask God to give you an opportunity to share the good news of Jesus with someone this week.

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THURSDAY 9.25.25 - Isaiah 6:8

This is a famous verse among believers on the topic of missions. 'Send me' is often the motivating feature of this verse. Today, as we read the preceding verses, from 1-8, it is clear that Isaiah had a vision of the Lord of Hosts. Seeing God proved his undoing and he was sure to die. But creatures from the vision, at God's direction, satisfy Isaiah's penalty for his sin. Without Isaiah asking, but because of his mourning over his sin, God interposed a relief.

Is that not the same thing that has happened to all of us believers?

Our seeking God until He finds us is the kernel at the center of what has happened to us. Sharing that fact is basic evangelism. It is what God wants from us, give Him glory, share His good news and we fulfill the call, "who will go for us?"

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FRIDAY 9.26.25 - Psalm 105:2

The desire of God's heart is for the nations to hear the good news of His Son, Jesus. There are 195 countries in the world today. According to one source: Many nations contain large numbers of people who have never heard the gospel. While entire countries may not be completely unreached, millions of people in many nations remain unaware of the gospel. A significant percentage (42%) of the world's population is considered unreached, having limited or no access to Christian resources and lack a strong Christian presence within their communities. An Unreached People Group is an ethnic group where there is no indigenous community of believing Christians capable of evangelizing the rest of the group without outside help. As of 2024, the Joshua Project estimates there are approximately 7,280 UPGs worldwide.

Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest fields ~ Matthew 9:38

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