

Foundations for Biblical Missions

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One called to the ministry can't miss it. The Lord must know it. One can't do anything else. (Act.13:2)

I. The Assurance in Biblical Missions

Success is guaranteed.

The words of the rulers of this world soon have no power. God's Word shall continue to grow, accomplishing all of God's purposes. (Act.12:20-24; 18:9-11)

All that the Father has given to the Lord Jesus shall come to Him. And He will raise every one of them up at the last day. (Joh.6:36-39)

God will bring all of His elect to Christ by the Gospel. He has chosen to do so not by the ministry of heavenly angels, but by His blood bought servants. (2Th.2:13-14; Act.1:8)

God's Word continued to be spread and transform lives, and through them spread and transform many lives. (Act.12:24; Joh.4:39; 2Co.5:17; Rom.1:16)

Physical health is not the most important. All of you will still die. We have a Gospel that if one believes he will never die. (Joh.11:25-26)

II. The Agents in Biblical Missions

God does call men with a special calling to the work of missions. (Act.13:1-2,4)

God has particularly chosen to use those whom He has called to preach the Gospel. (Rom.10:9-15; 1Co.1:21; 9:14)

No man must take this office to himself. If the Lord hasn't called you, stay out of it! (Rom.10:15; Acts 13-28)

III. The Apprenticeship in Biblical Missions

Apparently, John Mark was taken because of the promise that they saw in him for the ministry. (Act.12:25; 13:5; 16:1-3, etc.)

True maturity and wisdom come by walking with the Lord over time. This involves walking with and under mature servants of God. (Mar.3:13-14; 2Ti.2:2)

You are responsible and accountable to God for that which you have heard and that which you command have heard. (Heb.10:25; Luk.8:11-18)

The first trainings for a future missionary are in being a faithful, growing, servant member of a sound New Testament church. (Act.16:1-3; Luk.16:10; 2Ti.2:2)

The Apostle's method to train preachers was to have faithful men with him into whom he could pour his knowledge and himself. (2Ti.2:2)

It may be your last day or mine. Are you healthy? What a glorious Gospel! Believe it! (Isa.55:6-7; 45:22)