

## The Formation of a Missions Conference

Finally, Churches are reminded of ...

### **IV: The Sacrifice of \_\_\_\_\_ (v9)**

A. He was \_\_\_\_\_ yet became \_\_\_\_\_

Paul, in speaking to the hearts of these Corinthian believers, is reminding them to consider what Jesus gave for their benefit.

The Lord Jesus Christ was rich in ALL areas of living ...

- ***yet for your sakes he became poor***

Why would He do that?

- ***that ye through his poverty might be rich***

Quote: *You are a far richer man to have a whole lot of Jesus and just a little in your checking account than a whole lot in your checking account and just a little of Jesus*

He became poor so that we could become rich in our ...

- rich in our \_\_\_\_\_
- rich in our \_\_\_\_\_ (confidence) of eternal life
- rich in our \_\_\_\_\_
- rich in \_\_\_\_\_
- rich in \_\_\_\_\_

When we give to Faith Promise, in essence, we are doing what Jesus did— we are becoming poor so that others can become rich with the same blessings that we have!

Faith Promise is not only an opportunity to participate but also an opportunity to remember and experience (on a far lesser level) the sacrifice of Jesus Christ.

Faith Promise giving ...or Grace Giving isn't about money. It's about having the same heart for the lost that Jesus had. It is also about trusting the Lord to fund that which He has mandated us to do - evangelize the world.

What will your involvement be in 2023?

# Giving Our Utmost to the Uttermost



Wednesday, May 31<sup>st</sup> – Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup>

## May 21, 2023

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2 Cor. 8:6-9

What is God's plan for world evangelization? Did He just leave it for Christians and local churches to just figure out? Or, does He have an organized plan?

Throughout the New Testament, we find through Paul and other's ministry, His plan for world evangelization developed through what we call ... *missions*. And simply put, it is an organized approach for local churches to share the Gospel of Christ and plant churches in the uttermost part of the earth.

Part of that organization has developed into our modern-day missions conference, of which we find no mention of in the Bible. But we do find however, Biblical parallels which have been rightly applied to our missions conference.

This morning we'll discover 4 parallels in the formation of a missions conference.

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The first parallel is that the Macedonian churches were challenged to give by ...

**I: The \_\_\_\_\_ of a Preacher:** v6, v16-19

The way that the Corinthians and Macedonians churches first leaned of this thing called missions all ...

A. \_\_\_\_\_ with preaching

Apparently, Titus had a heart for those in Jerusalem, those in Corinth, and for Paul's ministry of missions. And in v17 we learn that he personally went to Corinth of his own accord to tell and teach them about the need in Jerusalem (support for missions).

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B. \_\_\_\_\_ with preaching

At no point in the Scriptures do we ever find God changing from the foolishness of preaching to engage His children into a deeper level of service and worship, which is what missions is all about. And in fact in vv. 16-19 of our textm Paul later sends Titus back with Luke to "finish" or encourage Corinth to give their promise.

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Friends, we have a missions conference in order that we be confronted, challenged, and encouraged—by the preaching of God's Word—to get involved and participate.

1 Cor. 1:21 ... ***For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe.***

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The second parallel that we find is that it came about to ...

**II: Solicitate \_\_\_\_\_** (v7)

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One of things you find in a good missions conference is Spirit-filled preaching that convicts and solicits involvement.

A. Paul \_\_\_\_\_ them

• *abound* means "to be in excess or to be abundant"

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B. Paul \_\_\_\_\_ them

... ***see that ye abound in this grace also.***

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One of the reasons we have a missions conference every year is to be reminded of the great need that the world has of hearing the gospel; to be reminded that this is God's plan to evangelize the world and He will fund His plan; to be reminded of that it is our responsibility to take the gospel to the world; to be reminded that there is always room for involvement regardless of age, income, or situation; and to be challenged to participate.

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The third parallel is ...

**III: By Speaking to their \_\_\_\_\_:** (v8)

What will we likely hear preached in a missions conference? Among other things...

A. we should participate \_\_\_\_\_

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B. our participation is an act of \_\_\_\_\_

Giving sacrificially and by faith are both acts of worship.

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John 4:24 / Romans 7:18 / Romans 8:4