## THE MARKS OF A TRULY MISSIONAL CHURCH: Why is our Middle Name Missionary

Acts 11:19-26





"God's purpose in this age is to gather to Himself a people of all the nations of the world."

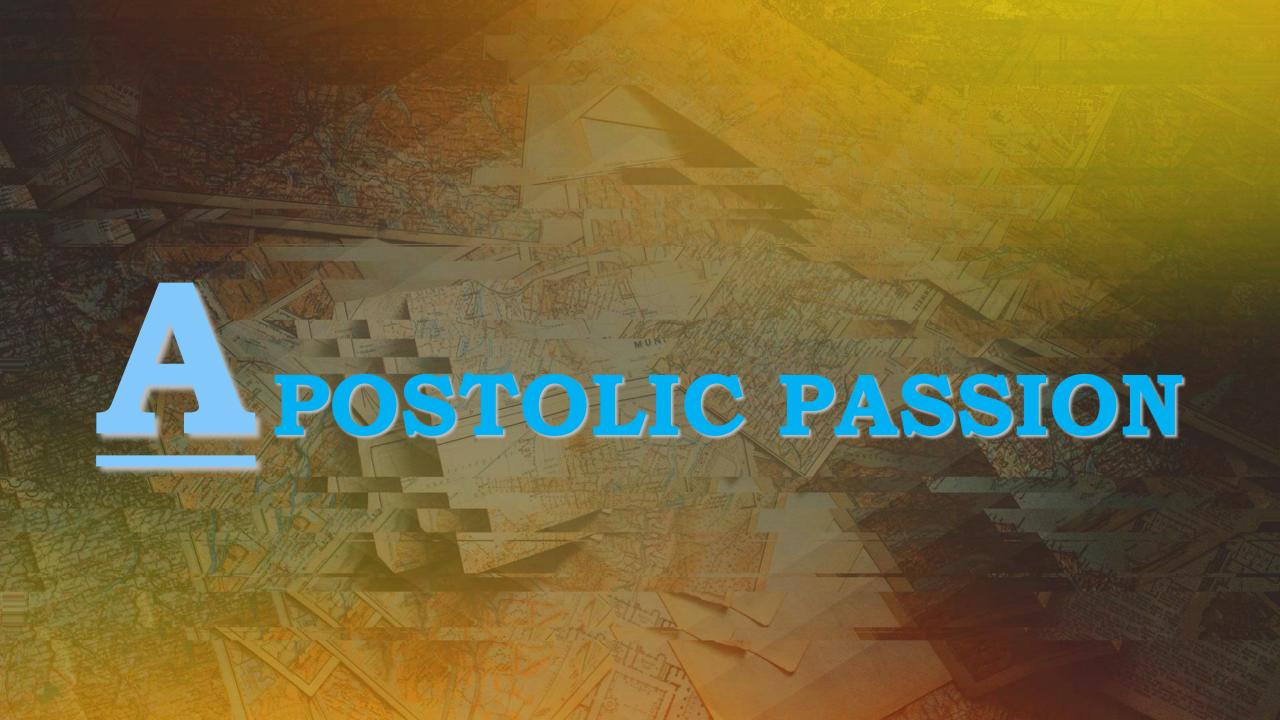
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"Missions is not the ultimate goal of the church. Worship is. Missions exists because worship doesn't."

John Piper, Let the Nations Be Glad

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Acts 11:20 (ESV)



"The word 'apostle' means a sent one, a messenger. 'Apostolic passion' therefore, is a deliberate, intentional choice to live for the worship of Jesus in the nations. It has to do with being committed to the point of death to spreading His glory. It's the quality of those who are on fire for Jesus, who dream of the whole earth being covered with the Glory of the Lord."

Dr. Floyd McClung, All Nations International

9 After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, 10 and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

Revelation 7:9-10 (ESV)

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.

Matthew 24:14 (ESV)

"If you have apostolic passion, you are one of the most dangerous people on planet earth."

Dr. Floyd McClung

19 Now those who were scattered because of the persecution that arose over Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia and Cyprus and Antioch, speaking the word to no one except Jews. <sup>20</sup> But there were some of them, men of Cyprus and Cyrene, who on coming to Antioch spoke to the Hellenists also, preaching the Lord Jesus.

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## DRING THE GOSPEL TO EVERYONE

... especially among those where few or none have heard in the hard and dark places

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.

Acts 1:8 (ESV)

...and thus I make it my ambition to preach the gospel, not where Christ has already been named, lest I build on someone else's foundation,

Romans 15:20 (ESV)

... So for a whole year Barnabas and Saul met with the church and taught great numbers of people. The disciples were called Christians first at Antioch.

Acts 11:26 (NIV)



19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Matthew 28:19-20 (ESV)





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