

## **UNDERSTANDING THE MISSION FROM THE FIELD**

In our last lesson, we studied how God clarified the **westward** direction of Paul's missionary evangelism (Acts 16:9-10) [Europe] The Book of Acts reveals what Paul learned from three missionary evangelism trips (MET).

**This lesson will study five things Paul learned as a result of  
"Understanding the Mission from the Field."**

### **1. Positive volition at God Consciousness allows God to give a gospel hearing (2 Pet.3:9).**

This was true for Saul of Tarsus (Acts 9, 22, and 26:19-28).

**Principle:** God will bring people to gospel (Acts 8:25-40) or the gospel to the people (Paul MET).

This principle was learned by Paul in Athens on 2<sup>nd</sup> MET (Acts 17:16-34).

(Acts 17:16-17) "Now while Paul was waiting for them at **Athens**, his spirit was being provoked within him as he observed the city full of idols. So he was reasoning in the synagogue with the Jews and the God fearing Gentiles, and in the market place every day with those who happened to be present."

Read Paul's sermon from Mars Hill (Acts 17:22-31). **Remember God Consciousness and gospel hearing do not guarantee salvation.** Each person must personally believe the gospel of grace salvation (John 3:16; Rom.1:16).

Paul reminds us in every Epistles he wrote of this doctrinal principle. He wrote about it in the salutations. (Rom.1:7-9, 14-17)

### **2. Paul learned it was essential to give a clear gospel of grace salvation (1 Cor.15:3-4; Rom.1:16; Eph.2:8-9).**

Clarity of both the message of gospel and mechanics of grace salvation are important.

We must not assume everyone understands the truth of these two issues for grace salvation on mission field (1 Cor.1:18-25; 2:1-5, 14-16).

People may assume they are saved because they believe the gospel message but don't believe the mechanics of grace salvation (Acts 15:1, 5, **11**; Gal.2:4-7, 11, 16).

(Eph.2:8-9) "For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the **gift of God; not as a result of works**, so that no one boast."

**ONE must NOT add something to BELIEVE in order to be saved (Acts 15:1, 5; Gal.2:21).**

### **3. Paul learned to first teach basis salvation doctrines necessary to secure the believer in God's grace salvation (1 Pet.2:2; 1 Cor.3:2; Heb.5:13-14) [milk doctrines].**

Be sure to leave your teaching materials with key Scriptures printed. This requires pre-planning.

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**4. Paul learned the importance of returning to previous mission fields to teach advance doctrines of the Christian way of life (CWL).**

Paul's 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> MET – “So the churches were **strengthened in the faith** and grew daily in numbers.”  
(Acts 16:5; 18:23; 2 Pet.3:18)

Teach meat doctrines (Heb.5:14) such as [spirituality](#) versus [carnality](#)

(Gal.5:16-17) ([four life circles](#)) and three stages of spiritual growth (baby believer, immature believer, and mature believer. ([teleiology](#)) and walking by faith verses by sight (2 Cor.5:7) ([faith cycle](#)) and six stages of God's Grace (2 Pet.3:18).

**5. Paul also learned to be a missionary Ambassador for Christ whether home or abroad. (2 Cor.5:17-21).**

**HOME:** “While they were ministering to the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, ‘Set apart for Me Barnabas and Paul for the work to which I have called them. Then, when they had fasted and prayed and laid hands on them, **they sent them away.**” (Acts 13:2-3)

As soon as you have clarity on going to a specific mission field (place, date, time, etc.), seek prayer and planning with your church and the mission field coordinator.

**HOME or ABROAD:** “Only conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or remain absent, I will hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with **one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel**; in no way alarmed by your opponents – which is a sign of destruction for them, but of salvation for you, and that too, from God. For to you it has been granted for Christ's sake, not only to believe in Him, but also to suffer for His sake, experiencing the same conflict which you saw in me, and now hear to be in me.” (Phil.1:27-30)

An ambassador for Christ is not something you do but something you become in the Lord (2 Cor.5:20).