

From Jerusalem to the ends of the earth

Development of missions in the book of Acts

Acts 2	PENTECOST at Jerusalem	Diaspora JEW s saved	CHURCH founded & converts dispersed	GENTILE languages spoken
Acts 8:1-25	SAMARITANS	HALF-JEWISH saved	Follow up of John 4	Confirmed by Jerusalem church
Acts 8:26-40	ETHIOPIAN eunuch	PROSELYTE saved	Physically GENTILE Religiously JEWISH	Probably founded church in Ethiopia
Acts 10:1- 11:18	CORNELIUS and household	Caesarea	Door of faith opened to GENTILES	Confirmed by Jerusalem church
Acts 11:19- 26; 13:1-3	ANTIOCH CHURCH	GENTILES integrated into church	First Missionary-Sending Church	
Acts 13:1-3	PAUL & BARNABAS sent	ANTIOCH of Syria	First cross-cultural missionaries	First missionary journey begun
Acts 13:14-43	GENTILES converted	Synagogue at Pisidian Antioch	Bridgehead into GENTILE world	Responsive people
Acts 14:1-23	Idolatrous PAGANS converted	S. Galatia, Iconium, Lystra, Derbe	Door of faith fully opened (14:27)	GENTILE churches planted
Acts 15:1-31	JERUSALEM COUNCIL	JERUSALEM	Official confirmation of direct GENTILE salvation	
Acts 16-28	More missionary tours	GREECE: cultural center	EPHESUS: religious center	ROME: political center



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THE MISSIONARY “CALL”

The term *missionary call* should never have been coined. It is not Scriptural and therefore can be harmful. Thousands of youth desiring to serve the Lord have waited and waited for some mysterious missionary call that never came.

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“To sum up: (1) a special divine call is not necessary to witness for Christ beyond the national border; (2) the striking vision that Paul received at Troas, the so-called *Macedonian call*, was not his missionary call, nor is it typical of such a call; and (3) the call to missionary service is not necessarily associated with a definite field at home or abroad. It might seem from this that we have completely ruled out the idea of a call. But that is not so.”

Acts 13:1-4 Now in the church that was at Antioch there were certain prophets and teachers...

2 As they ministered to the Lord and fasted, the Holy Spirit said, "Now separate to Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them."

3 Then, having fasted and prayed, and laid hands on them, they sent them away.

4. So, being sent out by the Holy Spirit, they went down to Seleucia, and from there they sailed to Cyprus.

Acts 16:6-10

Now when they had gone through Phrygia and the region of Galatia, they were forbidden by the Holy Spirit to preach the word in Asia.

After they had come to Mysia, they tried to go into Bithynia, but the Spirit did not permit them.

So passing by Mysia, they came down to Troas.

9 And a vision appeared to Paul in the night. A man of Macedonia stood and pleaded with him, saying, **“Come over to Macedonia and help us.”**

10 Now after he had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go to Macedonia, concluding that the Lord had called us to preach the gospel to them.

Matthew 9:37-38:

Then He said to His disciples, “The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.”