

# From Jerusalem to the ends of the earth

Development of missions in the book of Acts

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