

Part 2, Chapter 3 – The Global Church

Day One:

Today we want you to assess where you are. What is your heart for the global church? What is your impression of the body of Christ across the world? What connection do you *personally* have to believers across the world? Do you know the needs and suffering of the church at large? Are you personally involved in reaching the world for Christ? How? If not, why not? Are you willing to change that? Take a few minutes and record the results of your introspection.

- 1) Review **Matthew 28:18-20** and **Acts 1:8** – What is the scope of Jesus’ command and the Holy Spirit’s power?

- 2) **2 Peter 3:9** – What does God want? How many? Are there any exceptions?

- 3) **John 3:16, 17** – Who does God love? What does He want for them? Again, how many? Are there any exceptions?

- 4) Reaching the world for Christ! An amazing purpose, a command of Christ, and yet perhaps you feel disconnected from it? So let's try to make it a little more personal. Who do you know from another part of the world? In the Washington metropolitan area we live and work in an amazing place where 30% of residents are internationals. Our neighborhoods, schools and work places are filled with people from around the world. Take a few minutes and list the names and countries of people you personally know. Chances are you'll need more paper 😊.

- 5) Have you talked to the Lord about the people on your list above? If not, start now! Have you talked with them about Christ? Have you told them about God's Son who loves them so much that He died for them? That's the next step. Ask the Lord to help you.

- 6) Do you know other believers from different countries? Are you actively helping them reach their fellow countrymen for Christ?

- 7) **OR** perhaps you yourself have come to the DC area from another country. If so, do your family and friends know Christ? Do they know that *you* know Christ? Have you told them about God's Son who loves them so much that He died for them? Are you asking the Lord how He wants you to reach your home country for Christ? Have you invited and challenged your friends here in the DC area to help you? Or maybe you're relieved to be gone from there and have no intentions of returning. Have you asked the Lord what His intentions are? Ask the Lord to guide you.

Spend the rest of your time today praying for the world to be reached for Christ. Ask the Lord to show you your part in His plan!

Days Two and Three:

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. He created mankind in His own image, male and female He created them. Adam and Eve chose to disobey God and ended up under the curse of God rather than His blessing. Yet even as He was voicing His curse, God extended a glimpse of His mercy and the hope of redemption and restoration. Do you know His plan? Do you know how far it extends? What is your part in it? This plan forms the framework for understanding God's plan as revealed in the Scriptures. From Genesis to Revelation the Scriptures progressively reveal who God is and His plan. A little is revealed at the beginning, a little more and then still more as the Scriptures progress through history. Each person is called to respond in faith to the revelation given them by God.

Philippians 2:13 – “For it is God who works in you to will and to act according to *His good purpose.*”

- 1) Read the following passages being careful to read the surrounding context. Ask the Lord to open His Word to your heart and mind. As you go, mark “seed” (zera - Strong's 2233 זֶרַע) also translated “descendants” or “offspring.” Mark “blessing” and “covenant” when found. Note what you learn about each.

A. **Genesis 3:15** –

B. **Genesis 12:1-3** – Who will be blessed? By/Through whom?

C. **Genesis 12:7**

D. **Genesis 13:14-17**

E. **Genesis 15:1- 18** esp. 1, 5-6, 18

F. **Genesis 17:7-8** – How long does the covenant last?

- 2) Using your word study skills look up “seed” (zera - Strong's 2233 זֶרַע). Note what you learn.

- 3) **Galatians 3:16** – Who is the seed? What line of reasoning does Paul use to conclude this?

- 4) Now that you have discovered who the Seed is, go back and re-read the Genesis passages with this understanding. According to Genesis 3:15, what will the woman’s “seed” do to the serpent’s seed? Is there any clue to how or when this will happen? This is part of the progressive revelation.

- 5) Read *p. 77-79* from **multiply** and answer questions 1-2 in your book or below.

Day Four:

- 1) Read and observe **Romans 15:14-21** at the end of this lesson. Use your 5 Ws and H. Remember to pray first!

Who is it about?

What is Paul's ministry and message?

Where has Paul proclaimed the message? Where does He go?

When does Paul do this?

Why?

How?

Also, mark "*Paul*" and "*gospel*."

A. What do you observe about Paul?

B. What do you learn from marking "*gospel*?" The gospel is also called the "good news."
Why do you think it is called that?

- 2) Read and observe **Romans 10:9-15** at the end of this lesson. Mark "*believe*" and "*Jesus/Lord*" and their synonyms.

A. What do you learn from marking “*believe?*”

B. What must a person do to be saved? Note the verse(s) where you find the answer.

C. Who can believe? How do you know?

D. What questions does Paul ask in verses 14-15?

E. What's the answer to Paul's questions?

F. What has to happen in order for people to be able to believe according to verses 14-15?

G. What does Paul do to make his points throughout the passage? Note where you found them.

3) Look up the following cross references and note how they relate to Romans 10:9-15 and Romans 15:21:

A. Isaiah 28:16

B. Joel 2:28-32, esp. 32a

C. Acts 2:14-21

D. Isaiah 52:7-15, esp. 7, 15

4) Read *p. 80-82* from **multiply** and answer question #3 in your book.

ROMANS 15:14-21 NASB

OBSERVATION WORKSHEET

- 14 And concerning you, my brethren, I myself also am convinced that you yourselves are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge and able also to admonish one another.
- 15 But I have written very boldly to you on some points so as to remind you again, because of the grace that was given me from God,
- 16 to be a minister of Christ Jesus to the Gentiles, ministering as a priest the gospel of God, so that my offering of the Gentiles may become acceptable, sanctified by the Holy Spirit.
- 17 Therefore in Christ Jesus I have found reason for boasting in things pertaining to God.
- 18 For I will not presume to speak of anything except what Christ has accomplished through me, resulting in the obedience of the Gentiles by word and deed,
- 19 in the power of signs and wonders, in the power of the Spirit; so that from Jerusalem and round about as far as Illyricum I have fully preached the gospel of Christ.
- 20 And thus I aspired to preach the gospel, not where Christ was already named, so that I would not build on another man's foundation;
- 21 but as it is written,
- “THEY WHO HAD NO NEWS OF HIM SHALL SEE,
AND THEY WHO HAVE NOT HEARD SHALL
UNDERSTAND.”

ROMANS 10:9-15 NASB

OBSERVATION WORKSHEET

- 9 that if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved;
- 10 for with the heart a person believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation.
- 11 For the Scripture says, "Whoever believes in Him will not be disappointed."
- 12 For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, abounding in riches for all who call on Him;
- 13 for "Whoever will call on the name of the Lord will be saved."
- 14 How then will they call on Him in whom they have not believed? How will they believe in Him whom they have not heard? And how will they hear without a preacher?
- 15 How will they preach unless they are sent? Just as it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news of good things!"