

# VERITAS MISSIONS CONVICTIONS

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## **1. God's glory is the fuel and goal of missions**

If man's chief end is to glorify God and enjoy him forever, then it is also the chief end of missions. Therefore, we see worship of and communion with God as that which motivates our pursuit of missions, as well as the goal in missions. We want to see every nation, tribe, and tongue worshiping God and the Lamb for his infinite worth and redemptive work.

## **2. Missions is the centered upon the person and work of Jesus**

The Apostle Paul, in his missionary endeavors, said that he resolved to "know nothing... except Jesus Christ and him crucified" (1 Corinthians 2:2) and stated that what is of primary importance to pass on is "that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures" (1 Corinthians 15:3-4). Thus, the central message and news we want to pass on in missions is the gospel of Jesus Christ.

## **3. The primacy of evangelism in missions**

While there are many worthy social and educational causes in missionary endeavors, evangelism outweighs them all. Since the gospel is central, the communication of the gospel is essential (Romans 10:13-17).

## **4. The instrumentality of the local church in missions**

The local church is the cutting edge of God's work in the world, the primary means through which God plans to do his work, and is therefore God's primary missions sending agency. Thus, we do not want to have an unchurchly mission. Rather, while partnering with para-church organizations who specialize in missionary work, we also

desire to also be the primary means of sending and supporting our members sent as missionaries and to partner with other local churches in our missions endeavors (Acts 13:1-3; 15:36).

#### **5. Beyond evangelism, we value establishing local churches, promoting indigenous leadership, and fostering long-term discipleship**

While evangelism is essential, the Great Commission does not stop at making converts but calls us to make disciples who are baptized and taught to observe all that Christ commanded (Matthew 28:18-20).

#### **6. Renewal driven missions**

We understand that God's goal is not merely individual conversion, but to make all things new. While the full realization of this will not be accomplished until the return of Christ, part of the Christian mission includes seeing households, communities, and societies renewed. This begins by those who are sent being renewed by the Holy Spirit themselves, and thus being agents of renewal by his grace and power (Colossians 1:15-20).

#### **7. Prayer is vital to missions**

While much of missions work involves the ground war, prayer is the air war and makes a way for troops to invade. Furthermore, Satan and his demon cohorts are seeking to thwart God's work in the world and destroy God's people. Being one of our weapons in warfare, we will give ourselves to this practice with perseverance and persistence (Ephesians 6:10-20).

#### **8. We are expectant and hopeful regarding the missionary task**

Missions can be a hard and difficult thing, and missionaries can often be discouraged. However, we want to be expectant toward God and take a long term vision regarding the Great Commission being fulfilled—even when things are hard (Revelation 7:9-12).

### **9. We will remember and prioritize the vulnerable, poor, and oppressed**

God is one who “executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry” (Psalm 146:7) and is called the “Father of the fatherless and protector of widows” (Psalm 68:5). He calls his people to imitate him in his care for the poor and oppressed. Thus, in our missionary endeavors, we will remember and prioritize the vulnerable, poor, and oppressed (Matthew 25:31-46).