

“My Mission In Christ”

Ephesians 3:1-13

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“Before you wake up tomorrow, thousands of lives will be changed forever. In a typical day in the United States...

- 10,799 babies will be born and 6,403 people will die. There will be 6,148 marriages and 3,110 divorces.
- 3,246 women will have an abortion and 3,445 unmarried women will give birth to a child.
- 84 people will commit suicide, 45 people with the AIDS virus will die, and 43 people will die from alcohol-related car crashes.
- 4,630 fifteen-year-old girls will have sexual intercourse for the first time, 1,312 students will drop out of high school.
- 28,206 people will be arrested, 4,274 of them for drug abuse violations.
- 3,396 households will declare bankruptcy, and 63,288 people will receive food stamps.
- 411 Americans will convert to the Muslim faith, 872 will become Mormons.
- 8 churches in the United States will close their doors for the last time, and 6 new churches will be started.

Most important, within the next 24 hours, by our best estimates, several thousand people in the United States will die without knowing Jesus Christ and will spend an eternity separate from him as a result.”

Lost in America, Tom Clegg & Warren Bird

I) The Scope Of My Mission: (vs.1-6)

- A) To make known the message of grace.
- B) This message was a mystery (musterion) that came by revelation.

C) The message declares God salvation in Christ is for all people.

II) The Selection For My Mission: (vs.7-8)

A) Our selection for Christ’s mission has nothing to do with our choosing but His choice.

John 15:16 “*You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you.*”

B) Our selection for Christ’s mission is our greatest opportunity in life. “A man is no fool to give up what he cannot keep, to gain what he cannot lose.” Jim Elliot

C) Our selection for Christ’s mission has little to do with our abilities and everything to do with our availabilities.

I Cor. 1:26-27 *For you see your calling, brethren, that not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called. But God has chosen the foolish things of the world to put to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to put to shame the thing which are mighty.*

III) The Success Of My Mission: (vs.9-13)

A) To make all see the fellowship of the mystery is a noble goal which is obtainable through Christ.

B) The success is not accomplished by individual preachers but by the church.