



“Our God is a Missionary God” **Sermon Date: January 16th, 2022**

Reflections on Sunday’s Sermon

Below is a reference to the section of the New City Catechism that we went over on Sunday:

The New City Catechism—Lord’s Day 3

How Many Persons Are There in God?

There are three persons in the one true and living God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. They are the same in substance, equal in power and glory.

Prayer

Praise God for His eternal plan of redemption which encompasses people from every tribe, tongue, and language. Praise Jesus, for He has secured salvation for His people and therefore, has commissioned His church to make disciples of all nations. Before jumping into the questions, consider making this prayer your own before God (this prayer was taken from At the Throne of Grace by John MacArthur).

Gracious Father, our hearts are filled with praise. The resurrection of Christ is the high point of all history. It is proof of our justification; the heart of the gospel message, the ground of our hope for eternal life, and the living guarantee of Christ’s ultimate triumph over evil and all its consequences.

Your commission is unmistakable as well, for our risen Lord and Savior, the One to whom all authority in heaven and earth has been given, has outlined the strategy from now to the end of the age with that one simple command; Go and make disciples, teaching them the full counsel of your Truth. May we personally embrace His call, beginning where we are. And may the gospel go forth with power and clarity into all nations.

Help us to be disciple-makers. Empower us to use whatever gifts You have given us for the fulfillment of the task Christ set before His apostles. May we ourselves be faithful not only to teach others but also to obey from the heart everything You have commanded. Amen.

Understanding and Applying

1. Based on these Old Testament passages, how do they point to the reality that it was God's plan all along to redeem a people from every tribe, tongue, and language? How do these passages coincide with what we have learned in the book of Ephesians regarding God's plan of salvation (Ephesians 1:4-10, 2:17-22)?
 - Genesis 12:1-3
 - Psalm 96
 - Isaiah 49:5-7
2. Taking *all* details into consideration (even Matthew 28:18-20), answer these questions: 1) for a church to send qualified missionaries, what might be required and 2) for missionaries to be ambassadors of Christ to an unreached people, with the goal of church planting, what might be required of them?
3. What are all the ways in which Living Grace works towards being involved in the Great Commission? How is your commitment to Living Grace contributing to what is required of churches and missionaries (the previous question) for the gospel to reach the 'nations'?
4. Though the church's commitment to world missions waxes and wanes throughout history, will the Great Commission be accomplished, and why (Matthew 24:14; John 10:14-18; Revelation 5:9-14)? Given your answer, what should be the church's motivation for missions?
5. Though we are emphasizing 'world missions,' surely the Great Commission is not limited to 'unreached' people only. Are there people in your life that are currently rebellious towards God and as a disciple of Christ what might be your role in their life?
6. To close, take the opportunity to pray for those that are either getting ready to go, or who have already been sent, to a people who have not yet heard the good news of Jesus Christ.