

Jesus Will Finish the Mission by John Piper

"This gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come." (Matthew 24:14)

I don't know any more inspiring missionary promise than this word from Jesus.

Not: This gospel should be preached.
Not: This gospel might be preached.
But: This gospel will be preached.

This is not a great commission, nor a great commandment. It is a great certainty, a great confidence.

Who can dare talk like that? How does he know it will? How can he be sure the church will not fail in its missionary task?

Answer: The grace of missionary service is as irresistible as the grace of regeneration. Christ can promise universal proclamation because he is sovereign. He knows the future success of missions because he makes

the future. All the nations will hear!

A "nation" is not a modern "country." When the Old Testament spoke of nations, it referred to groups like Jebusites and Perizites and Hivites and Amorites and Moabites and Canaanites and Philistines. "Nations" are ethnic groups with their own peculiar culture. Psalm 117:1, "Praise the Lord, all nations! Extol him, all peoples!"

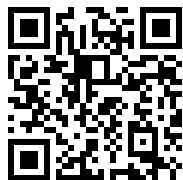
As the sovereign Son of God and Lord of the church, Jesus simply took up this divine purpose and stated it as an absolute certainty: "This gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations" (Matthew 24:14).

The cause of world missions is absolutely assured of success. It cannot fail. Is it not reasonable, then, that we pray with great faith, that we invest with great confidence, and that we go with a sense of sure triumph?

Events

3/21 Ladies Bible Study
10 AM
3/26 Annual Budget 7 PM
3/26 7th/8th, VisionYouth
Meetings 7 PM
3/29 Youth Bible Study
7:15 PM
4/1 Men's Prayer 7:30 AM

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Upcoming Events



GRACE
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Service Times

- Sunday School 9:30 am
- Sunday Morning Worship 11:00 am
- Sunday Evening Worship 5:30 pm
- Wednesday Prayer Meeting 7:15 pm



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Morning Worship

Call to Worship

Opening Hymn

1. When all Thy mercies, O my God, my rising soul surveys,
Transported with the view, I'm lost in wonder, love, and praise.
Unnumbered comforts to my soul Thy tender care bestowed,
Before my infant heart conceived from Whom those comforts flowed.

(Chorus)

Through all eternity to Thee a joyful song I'll raise.

For oh, eternity's too short to utter all Thy praise!

2. When worn with sickness, oft hast Thou with health renewed my face.
And when in sins and sorrow sunk renewed my soul with grace.
Ten thousand thousand precious gifts my daily thanks employ;
Nor is the least a cheerful heart that tastes those gifts with joy. **(Chorus)**

3. Through every period of my life Thy goodness I'll pursue,
And after death, in distant worlds, the glorious theme renew. **(Chorus)**
To utter all Thy praise!

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Knowing You

1. All I once held dear, built my life upon, all this world reveres and wars to own;
All I once thought gain I have counted loss, spent and worthless now compared to this.
(Refrain) Knowing You, Jesus, knowing You, there is no greater thing.
You're my all, You're the best, You're my joy, my righteousness, and I love You, Lord.

2. Now my heart's desire is to know You more, to be found in You and known as Yours,
To possess by faith what I could not earn, all-surpassing gift of righteousness.
(Refrain)

3. Oh, to know the power of Your risen life and to know You in Your sufferings;
To become like You in Your death, my Lord, so with You to live and never die.
(Refrain) (repeat)

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Scripture Reading

Matthew 14:1-21, page 820

Pastoral Prayer

Offertory

Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts

Jesus, Thou Joy of loving hearts, Thou Fount of life, thou Light of men,
From the best bliss that earth imparts we turn unfilled to Thee again.

Thy truth unchanged hath ever stood; Thou savest those that on Thee call;
To them that seek Thee Thou art good, to them that find Thee All in all.

We taste Thee, O Thou living bread, and long to feast upon Thee still;
We drink of Thee, the Fountainhead, and thirst our souls from Thee to fill.

Our restless spirits yearn for Thee, wherever our changeful lot is cast;
Glad when Thy gracious smile we see, blessed when our faith can hold Thee fast.

O Jesus, ever with us stay, make all our moments calm and bright;
Chase the dark night of sin away, shed over the world Thy holy light.

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Preparatory Sermon

#547 My Jesus, I Love Thee
Pastor Gary Hendrix

Evening Worship

Call to Worship

Opening Hymn

Scripture Reading

Pastoral Prayer

Offertory

Pastor Charles Fortner

#1 All People That on Earth do Dwell

Psalm 122, page 517

We Rest on Thee

1. We rest on Thee – our shield and our defender!
We go not forth alone against the foe;
Strong in Thy strength, safe in Thy keeping tender,
We rest on Thee, and in Thy name we go,
Strong in Thy strength, safe in Thy keeping tender,
We rest on Thee, and in Thy name we go.

2. Yea, in Thy name, O Captain of salvation!
In Thy dear name, all other names above:
Jesus our righteousness, our sure foundation,
Our Prince of glory and our King of love,
Jesus our righteousness, our sure foundation,
Our Prince of glory and our King of love.

3. We go in faith, our own great weakness feeling,
And needing more each day Thy grace to know:
Yet from our hearts a song of triumph pealing,
“We rest on Thee, and in Thy name we go,”
Yet from our hearts a song of triumph pealing,
“We rest on Thee, and in Thy name we go.”

4. We rest on Thee – our shield and our defender!
Thine is the battle, Thine shall be the praise
When passing through the gates of pearly splendor,
Victors – we rest with Thee, through endless days,
When passing through the gates of pearly splendor,
Victors – we rest with Thee, through endless days.

Text: Edith G. Cherry, ca. 1895 Tune: FINLANDIA Jean Sibelius, 1899

Preparatory

Complete in Thee

Complete in Thee! no work of mine could take, dear Lord, the place of Thine
Thy blood hath pardon bought for me and I shall stand complete in Thee
(Chorus) Yea, justified! O blessed thought!

And sanctified! Salvation wrought!

Thy blood hath pardon bought for me and glorified, I too, shall be!

Complete in Thee each want supplied and no good thing to me denied
Since Thou my portion, Lord wilt be, I ask no more, complete in Thee **(Chorus)**

Complete in Thee! no more shall sin Thy grace hath conquered, reign within
Thy blood shall bid the tempter flee and I shall stand complete in Thee **(Chorus)**

Dear Savior, when before Thy bar all tribes and tongues assembled are
Among Thy chosen I shall be at Thy right hand, complete in Thee **(Chorus 2x)**

Thy blood hath pardon bought for me and glorified, I too, shall be!

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All in All

You are my strength when I am weak; You are the treasure that I seek. You are my all in all.
Seeking You as a precious jewel; Lord, to give up, I'd be a fool. You are my all in all.
(Chorus) Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name. Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name.

Taking my sin, my cross, my shame; rising again, I bless Your name. You are my all in all.
When I fall down You pick me up; when I am dry you fill my cup. You are my all in all.

(Chorus)

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Sermon

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