

Missions: What's the Big Deal? Romans 1 & 10

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Introduction:

- A _____ is somebody who has dedicated his life to preaching the gospel of Christ to other lands and other peoples.
- You may be asking yourself, “What’s the big deal?” “Why so much emphasis on missions?” “Is it really that important?” “Does it really matter if I’m involved?” “Why should I give to missions?”
- There are three key principles that will help us answer these questions.

First, the nations stand _____ before God.

- Romans 1:21-23 describes the condition of the nations.
 - What position does this bring before God? _____ (verse 18), judgment, and _____ (verse 32).
Romans 3:19
 - *“And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled.”*
Colossians 1:21

Second, the gospel of Christ is the _____ to the guilt. Romans 1:16

- *“But is now made manifest by the appearing of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light **through the gospel.**”* **2 Timothy 1:10**

- This good news is for anybody and everybody who will _____ . Romans 1:16; cf. 1 Timothy 2:6, 4:10; Hebrews 2:9

Third, God expects us to stand in the _____ with the gospel.

- Romans 10 is very insightful:
 - Notice the understanding gap. They are _____ of God's righteousness. vs. 1-3
 - Notice the answer. An understanding _____ in Jesus Christ. vs. 4, 9-13
 - Notice how the gap is bridged. _____ speaking the gospel. vs. 14-17
- The gospel brings conviction to sinful souls, _____ to darkened minds, understanding to foolish hearts.
- God is not going to get the gospel to the nations any other way than through _____.

- Missions is about getting the gospel to guilty and condemned souls that stand no chance without it.
- We impact eternity in a positive way when we get _____ in worldwide mission's outreach.