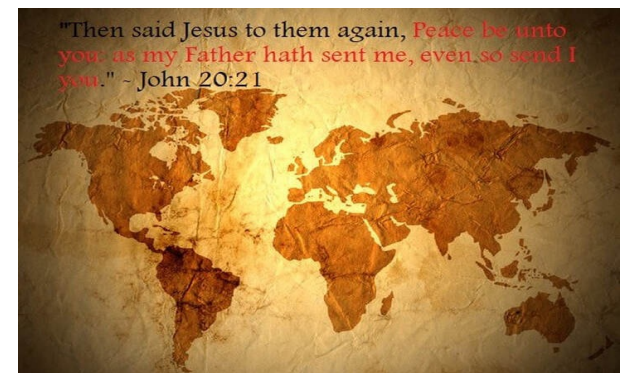




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Jesus appears to His disciples (John 20:19-23)

- On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! **As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.**" And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."



Missio Dei

- Mission vs. Missions
 - Mission is God's mission; Missions is the church's missionary endeavors.
 - Mission is God's plan of action, the story of redemption as light breaking into darkness.
 - For centuries, people have taken mission into their own hands. This is not right. The mission is God's. Whatever we do, it has to submit to God's mission.
- Missio Dei (the mission of God; the sending of God)
 - God is actively involved in reconciling creation to himself through Christ, and the church participates in this ongoing mission.
 - The church's mission is rooted in God's own initiative and action in the world, rather than being primarily a human endeavor. The church's mission.
- God's mission and our responsibility
 - God's mission has always been to bridge the gap between His Kingdom and our earthly existence, bringing a complete partnership between God and man to fruition.
 - God invites us to become a generation actively engaged in God's divine narrative, advancing His purposes in the world.

Trinitarian Mission

- Mission is the work of the Triune God for the sake of the world
 - The Father sends the Son and they send the Holy Spirit into the world.
 - In the beginning was the Word...the light shines in the darkness (John 1:1, 5).
 - The mission imperative for all believers (after 1900s).
- The Father in Mission
 - The overwhelming motive for mission is the compassion and love of God for his creation and the end point of mission is the Kingdom, the reign of God over his people.
- The Son in Mission
 - The incarnation lies at the heart of God's mission and provides the content, model and the inspiration for the church's mission.
 - As the Father has sent me, I am sending you (John 20:21).
- The Holy Spirit in Mission
 - Christ sent His Spirit to empower His church for mission and to enlighten those who are outside of the Kingdom.

God sends everyone

- In the Old Testament

- God to Abram (Go from your country, your people and your father's household to the land I will show you, Genesis 12:1).
- God to Moses (So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt, Exodus 3:10),
- God to Isaiah (Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I. Send me!" He said, "Go and tell this people," Isaiah 6:8-9)
- God to Jeremiah (Do not say, 'I am too young.' You must go to everyone I send you to and say whatever I command you, Jeremiah 1:7).

- In the New Testament

- Sends Jesus by the Father (Matthew 10:40; Mark 9:37; Luke 4:18; John 3:17; Acts 3:20).
- Sends the Holy Spirit by the Father and Jesus (John 14:26; Luke 24:29; 1 Pet 1:12; Revelation 5:6).
- Sends disciples by Jesus (Matthew 10:5; Mark 6:7, John 4:38; Acts 9:17).
- Send people by the church and by apostles (Acts 8:14; Rom 10:15; 2 Corinthians 9:3; Ephesians 6:22; Philippians 2:19).
- God sends **you** (Therefore go and make disciples of all nations.... Matthew 28:19).

Missio Dei in Practice

- God's mission influences Christian practice
 - The mission of God is for everybody, including fishermen, shepherds, kings, and even widows. The whole Bible is full of examples of how Missio Dei overlaps with real human life.
 - Missio Dei is the very basis of what we have built your life on so that all Christians are equipped to live out your part of the Missio Dei in your workplace and wherever you are planted.
- Missio Dei is God's desire in which none should perish.
 - There are no limits in territory, people, places or methods used to reach those who are lost.
 - The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance (2 Peter 3:9).
 - Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you (Matthew 28:19-20).

Missio Dei: The Identity of Christians

- Christians are being sent by God into the world
 - A Christian is to engage with the expansion of God's kingdom through the redemptive work of Christ.
 - As the Father sent me, I am sending you (John 19:21).
- Our identities
 - **Ambassadors** (We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God, 2 Corinthians 5:20).
 - **Salt and light** (You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again?... You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden....In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven, Matthew 5:13-16).
 - **Ekklesia** (And you also are among those Gentiles who are called to belong to Jesus Christ, Romans 1:6).
 - Why God chose **you** (But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light, 2 Peter 2:9).

Missio Dei is the main task of the church

- Missio Dei is the purpose of the church
 - It is not so much that God has a mission for his church in the world, but that God has a church for his mission in the world (David Bosch).
 - Missio Dei is not the calling of a few select super-Christians; it is the plan of God, to which all believers have been called and sent.
- The church exists for the world
 - The people walking in darkness have seen a great light, on those living in the land the shadow of death, a light has dawn (Isaiah 9:2-3).
- The Church is sent to every area of the world.
 - The Church is sent to every community of mankind, both to those near at hand and to those far off.
- The Church is sent to proclaim Christ's reign in every moment and every situation.
 - Missio Dei in every aspect of human existence--daily life, relationships, work, and everything else that defines who we are. We are Christlike agents of transformation in our world. We embody love, justice, compassion, and grace, just as Jesus did.

Shalom Grove is a Missional Church

- Shalom Ministries International (<https://www.shalomgrove.net/our-services>)
 - SMI Mission Statement: We are a mission church. We are all missionaries and ambassadors for Christ. God wants to use us to spread the Good News. We always are on the lookout to reach people who do not know Jesus so that when we stand before God one day, God may say to us, “well done, good and faithful servants.”
- SMI Mission Projects
 - Zoom worship services & Training sessions every week (French speaking pastors, Myanmar MBC/young generations, Chapel program for Chiang Mai students)
 - Ambassador Training Program (25 ambassadors in USA, Africa & Asia)
 - Home Church Leadership Training
 - GREAT/SHAPE Workshops (pastors in 30+ countries in Asia and Africa)
 - Summer Mission Project



Missio Dei and Me

- The Father sends the Son, and they send the Holy Spirit into the world
 - The Triune God's mission is our mission. He has come. We are called.
 - Our mission is grounded in the mission of Trinity, as God comes to us in the Son and the Spirit. Christian care, outreach and mission is the joining and continuation of the Triune God's activity in the world.
- Mission: The self-giving heart of God
 - Evangelism is the identity of the church which exists by mission, as a fire exists by burning. Where there is no mission, there is no church.
 - Without self-giving, we die. With self-giving, we imitate our Savior and the benevolent God, and the Spirit generates life within.
- Missio Dei is a deeply personal invitation to mission
 - Missio Dei is the essential expression of faith in the life of the believer.
 - Therefore, be imitators of God, as beloved children. And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God (Ephesians 5:1-2).