

Missions message outline

I'm Asking for It

Based on a sermon by Paul Chitwood, IMB president

Scripture reference: **Romans 10:8-15**



For 176 years, Southern Baptists have sent missionaries to proclaim the gospel of hope among the nations through the IMB. We get to be a part of the most important work in the entire universe.

Through IMB, Southern Baptists have work in nearly every country of the world, and prioritize getting the gospel to those who have yet to hear.

- + 91% of our IMB missionary teams are engaging the unreached and the overwhelming majority of IMB financial resources are spent among the unreached.
- + In 2020, in the midst of a global pandemic, IMB personnel reported more than 144,000 people coming to faith in Jesus Christ and more than 18,000 new churches planted.

Romans 10:14: “And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching?”

- + More lost people are alive today that at any time in human history. More lost people will die today and enter hell than on any day in human history.
- + Of the 11,946 people groups that have been numbered around the world, 7,317 remain unreached. And 3,179 of the world’s people groups remain unengaged with the gospel.

Revelation 7:9: “After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands....”

- + We are yet here because the great multitude is not yet there, standing before the throne and before the lamb. Some of them are there. But John did not report seeing a multitude from some nations, tribes, peoples and languages. He saw a multitude from every nation, all tribes, peoples and languages. And until every nation, all tribes, peoples and languages are represented in that great multitude, the vision of heaven is yet unfulfilled and the mission of the church on earth remains.

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- + Why are we still here? To preach the gospel

Romans 10:15: “And how are they to preach unless they are sent? ”As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!”

- + The prayers and financial partnership of Southern Baptists make possible our work on the front lines of lostness, getting the gospel to the unreached and the unengaged.

Illustration: What if the U.S. cut its military ranks during such threatening times? Unfortunately, between the years 2008-2018, Southern Baptists cut our frontline missionary force by 40%.

A Mississippi pastor told Paul Chitwood: “Mr. President, everything the IMB needs – more missionaries and more money – is in our churches. But you’re going to have to ask for it.”

It’s time to ask. We need more workers in the field and we need more money to support them.

Illustration: Are you thankful for the beautiful feet who brought you the good news?

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