

I. Christ's authority and shape for the mission

“And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.””
(Matthew 28:18–20 ESV)

II. The power for mission

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.””
(Acts 1:8 ESV)

III. The fruit of Mission

“through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith for the sake of his name among all the nations,”
(Romans 1:5 ESV)

IV. Propulsion for mission

“And Saul approved of his execution.
And there arose on that day a great persecution against the church in Jerusalem, and they were all scattered throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria, except the apostles.”
(Acts 8:1 ESV)

52 - Thomas in India

432 - Patrick in Ireland

563 - Missionary training center on Iona (island near Scotland) started by Columba, Irish monk

635 - First missionaries in China

714 - Boniface in Germany

1623 - A team of workers digging near an ancient Christian church and monastery in Ch'ang-ngan (Si-ngan-fu), China unearth an ancient stone monument over 9 feet tall, 33 inches wide, and 10 inches thick. The text, in both Chinese characters and Persian script, begins with the words, "Let us praise the Lord that the [Christian] faith has been popular in China." The inscription had been written by Ching Ching (Adam), a Syrian monk in AD 781. It told of the arrival of a missionary, A-lo-pen (Abraham), in AD 625. He had arrived "bearing the sacred books, braving difficulties and dangers." Christianity was described as "The Illustrious Religion," and the text included a doctrinal overview and a list of Christian worship practices and ethics. It

also mentioned a succession of Emperors who were greatly supportive of the Church, and the names of 67 priests in both Persian and Chinese.

1791 - One hundred and twenty Korean Christians are tortured and killed for their faith. It began when Paul Yun Ji-Chung, a noble who had become a Christian, decided not to bury his mother according to

traditional Confucian custom. A ferocious persecution of Christians had been when this is reported to the authorities

V. Holistic mission and The Missional Church Movement

Word and Deed

“But if anyone has the world’s goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God’s love abide in him?”

(1 John 3:17 ESV)

Deed Only

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Attractional – Gathered to attract

Missional – Gathered to be sent