

I AM SENDING YOU.... (John 20:21)

Jesus told his disciples... “as the father sent me, so I am sending you.” Just like God had sent the son on a mission, Jesus sent his followers.

The parallels are obvious. The Father sent Jesus, the son, in love to this world. “For God so loved the world, He sent His son.” The Father sent Jesus to save. Realizing the lost condition of creation, Jesus was sent as a redeemer for our sins. He said that He had come to “seek and to save the lost.” The Father sent Jesus to all the world. Jesus came to the Jews first and also to the Greeks, to the outcasts, the poor, the children...every person, whosoever will may accept his salvation.

We, his followers, are also sent in love. That is the ultimate motivation to go into the world. We are not compelled by money or fame, but by love for others and our message and methods should be bathed in love. We are sent to save the world. Our goal is to make disciples, teach, preach, baptize and bring the good news of Christ’s redemption. We are sent to all the world. From our own neighborhoods to every country, culture and tongue, our mission is to every land.

As the Father sent me... So I am sending you.... In love, with salvation, to the whole world.

Jesus was sent from heaven to earth. We are sent the “the ends of the earth.” Calvin Phillips has said, “the mission of the church, then is the mission of Christ. It is not merely to perpetuate itself or build up itself; it exists for no less reason than to redeem the world. Like Jesus, it is to seek and to save the lost...The church exists as Gods emissary to take the good news everywhere.”

The grand old hymn says- “So send I you—to bind the bruised and broken, o’er wandering souls to work, to weep, to wake. To bear the burdens of a world a weary, So send I you, to suffer for my sake. As the Father has sent Me, So send I you.”