

# Syllabus For Principles and Practice of Christian Missions

*By the end of this course the student will be able to articulate the biblical basis of missions and understand key principles and practices of mission and their application to current situations in the global Christian movement.*

Each lecture will involve both biblical material plus reading two or three (fairly brief) chapters from the *Perspectives* text book.

1. Abraham and the Abrahamic Covenant – Being A Blessing To All Nations, OT Missionaries e.g. Jonah
2. Jesus – Sent from God, The Apostle Of Our High Calling, Incarnational Ministry
3. The Kingdom of God & World Mission , On Mission With God
4. Acts 1-4 – Jerusalem, Pentecost, the Early Church, The Holy Spirit & Mission
5. Acts 5-12 – Judea and Samaria, The First Gentiles Are Converted
6. Acts 13-20 - Paul's Missionary Journeys
7. The Personal & Spiritual Qualities Of God's Missionaries – Guest Speaker
8. Deciding Where To Serve – Guest Speaker
9. The Beginning of Modern Protestant Missions – Count Zinzendorf & The Moravian Brethren, William Carey, Hudson Taylor, the Student Volunteer Movement
10. Culture, Communication and Contextualization – Part 1
11. Culture, Communication and Contextualization – Part 2
12. Church Planting Movements, House Churches, Adaptive Strategies
13. Strategies For Evangelizing Major Unreached People Groups (Animists, Buddhists, Muslims, Hindus)
14. The Challenge of The World's Cities And The 1 Billion Urban Poor
15. Reaching The Connected Generation: Using Multi-Media, Mass Media and The Internet as Means of Proclamation

**Text:** *Perspectives on the World Christian Movement : A Reader* (Paperback)  
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## **Assessment - due in final week of class:**

- A) Answers to chapter questions in *Perspectives on the World Christian Movement* (40%)
- B) Take Home Exam (you will receive it in week 12) (50%)
- C) Class Participation (10%)

## Chapters to Read

Read the following chapters each week and *write brief answers* (a couple of sentences each) to the questions at the end of the chapters. Please type if possible and keep in a document which is to be handed in at the last week of class.

Please make the file name something like this: chapter\_answers\_jane\_doe.doc

Week 1. - Chapters **1 & 5** (The Living God Is A Missionary God; The Biblical Foundation...)

Week 2: Chapters **27 & 28** (& The Uniqueness of Christ; The Supremacy of Christ)

Week 3 : Chapters **10** (both parts) & **33** (The Gospel of the Kingdom; D-Day...; Ten Epochs..)

Week 4. Chapters **21 & 22** (A Church For All Peoples; The Church In God's Plan)

Week 5. Chapters **29, 30 & 31** ( If I Perish; Suffering & Martyrdom; Apostolic Passion)

Week 6. Chapters **20 & 35** (The Apostle Paul and The Missionary Task; The Two Structures ...)

Week 7. Chapters **19 & 24** (Acts of Obedience; Strategic Prayer)

Week 8. Chapters **115 & 116** (Charting Your Journey...; Join The World Christian Movement)

Week 9. Chapters **41 & 44** (chapter 73 optional) (An Enquiry...; Europe's Moravians)

Week 10. Chapters **54 & 55** (Cultural Differences...; Culture, Worldview & Contextualization)

Week 11. Chapters **56 & 60** (The Role of Culture...; The Flaw Of The Excluded Middle)

Week 12. Chapters **87 & 88** (both parts) ( Spontaneous Multiplication, Glory Visible; Shopping)

Week 13. Chapters **92 & 93** (Christian Witness to Hindus, Christian Witness To The Chinese)

Week 14. Chapters **77 & 84** (The Challenge Of The Cities, The Urban Poor: Who Are We?)

Week 15. Chapters **75, 76, 102**, (On The Cutting Edge.; Covering The Globe; Impact Of Radio)