

“Globally Minded”

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1. God is the Creator of the whole world

“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth” (Genesis 1:1)

2. God’s redemptive plan is global

“The God who made the world and all things in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth...He Himself gives to all life and breath and all things; and He made from one blood every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined their appointed times, and the boundaries of their habitation, that they should seek God, if perhaps they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us” (Acts 17:24-27)

*“God is now declaring to humanity that all everywhere should repent”
(Acts 17:30)*

3. Jesus commanded the Church to be ‘globally minded’

“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations” (Matthew 28:19)

4. Every true local church, and every Christian needs to be globally minded.

“First of all, then, I urge that entreaties and prayers, petitions and thanksgivings, be made on behalf of all men, for kings and all who are in authority, so that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and dignity. This is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth” (1 Tim 2:1-4)

5. Jesus is the Savior of the “world” (John 3:16; John 4:42)

“God so loved the world that He gave His only-begotten Son”

“this One indeed is the Savior of the world”

6. Our ultimate mission is to reach the whole world for Christ (Mark 16:15)

“Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation”

7. This was the strategy Jesus gave His disciples and the early church (Acts 1:8)

“but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth.”

8. Paul had his eye on the “world”

“whenever I go to Spain--for I hope to see you in passing, and to be helped on my way there by you, when I have first enjoyed your company for a while... Therefore, when I have finished this, and have put my seal on this fruit of theirs, I will go on by way of you to Spain” (Romans 15:24, 28).

9. We are part of the larger Body of Christ: the Church includes

- a) every Christian (1 Cor 12:13)
- b) the local church (Phil 1:1; Rev 2-3)
- c) all churches presently on earth (1 Cor 11:16)
- d) all believers since the Day of Pentecost (Matt 16:18; Acts 2; 1 Tim 3:15)

10. We are one spiritual family (John 1:12-13; Gal 3:28)

11. We have greater impact collectively than alone (1 Cor 14:23-25; Matt 18:17)

12. We are commanded to remember Christians, churches and ministries abroad (2 Cor 11:28; Gal 6:18)

13. The culmination of God’s plan, Jesus’ work and the biblical perspective is global (1 Cor 15:20-28; Matthew 25; Rev 11:15; 19:11-16; 21:24)

14. Practical ways we can support the church globally:

- a) pray for the churches around the world
- b) support missions- i) Operation World-www.gmi.org/ow/; ii) Biblical Ministries Worldwide (BMW)-www.biblicalministries.org; iii) Slavic Gospel Association-www.sga.org; iv) Overseas Missionary Fellowship (OMF); v) Operation Mobilization (OM)-www.om.org; vi) Wycliffe-www.wycliffeassociates.org; vii) The Gideons International- www.gideons.org; New Tribes Mission-www.ntm.org;
- c) get informed—www.persecution.com; www.worldnetdaily.com; The Church around the World