

"Sending" Jno. 20:21; 17:18

Introduction: missionary = mitto -
apostle = apo-stello

I. The Father sent the Son.

A. The perfectly harmonious relationship between Father + Son naturally meant obedience + perfect cooperation

B. Rom. 8:3. God sent His own son in the likeness of sinful flesh

1. His humanity revealed in this
2. His deity revealed in that he condemned sin in the flesh.

~~the Son was sent to win lost sheep~~
~~mt. 15:24~~

~~to seek + to save that which was lost,~~
 ~~Luke 19:10~~

C. He had two outstanding ambitions in his obedience to the one who sent him.

1. Jno. 4:34. "to do the will of him that sent me."
2. Jno. 9:4. "work the works of him that sent me."

D. Luke 4:16-19 - Jesus proclaims what he was sent to do.

1. To heal the broken-hearted
2. To preach deliverance to the captives
3. Recovering of sight to the blind
4. To set at liberty them that are bruised
5. To preach the acceptable year of the Lord

E. God loved the world + sent Jesus to save the world - not just one nation

II. The Son sent the first apostles

A. Jno. 20:21, 17:18

B. Receiving the power of the H.S.
was preliminary to their sending.

1. see Jno. 20

2. also Lk. 24:46-49.

3. and Acts 1:8

4. Judges 6:14 - "Have not I sent thee?"
So in this they might.

III. In the sending forth of
missionaries today there must
be the co-operation of the
human and the divine.

A. Romans 10:15 - How shall they
preach except they be sent?

B. This co-operative sending is beautifully
illustrated in the sending forth of
Paul & Barnabas on their 1st missionary journey.

1. Acts. 13:3 - "They sent them away."

2. Acts 13:4 - "being sent forth by the H.S."

C. The Church in Antioch was the
home base for for. miss. work.

Conclusion: "I heard the voice of the
Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and
who will go for us? Then said I,
Here am I; send me.