





CHRIST CHURCH

sermon notes

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 Missio Dei

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What is mission?

1. An important assignment carried out for political, religious, or commercial purposes, typically involving travel.
2. The vocation or calling of a religious organization, especially a Christian one, to go out into the world and spread its faith.
3. A strongly felt aim, ambition, or calling.

Word Origin

LATIN		LATIN		
mittere	to	missio	to	mission
send			mid 16 th century	

Missio Dei

- This mission of God
- The sending of God

Why does mission matter? It's God's Mission.

God created the world

- **Genesis 1:1-2 (NIV)**

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. ² Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

God created you and me

- **Genesis 1:27 (NIV)**

So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of

God he created them; male and female he created them.

God calls, equips and sends

- **Genesis 12:1 (NRSV)**

Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you."

God sent Jesus

- **Galatians 4:4-6 (NIV)**

But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law,⁵ to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship. ⁶ Because you are his sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, “Abba, Father.”

God's Mission

God sends his Spirit

- **John 14:26 (NIV)**

But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.

Jesus sends you and me

- **John 20:21-22 (NIV)**

Again Jesus said, “Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.”²² And with that he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit.”

- Created on mission.
- God calls and equips for mission.
- God sent Jesus.
 - Jesus was God incarnate.
- God sent the Spirit.
- Jesus calls us, equips us and sends us.
 - You and I are called to incarnate the gospel and to be sent into the world.

The church does not have a mission. Mission is not something extra we do. Rather, the mission of God has a church. The church exists only to be sent to live out God's mission.

Wesley Covenant Prayer

I am no longer my own, but thine.
Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt.
Put me to doing, put me to suffering.
Let me be employed by thee or laid aside by thee.
Exalted for thee or brought low for thee.

Let me be full, let me be empty.

Let me have all things, let me have nothing.

I freely and heartily yield all things to thy pleasure and disposal.

And now, O glorious and blessed God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, thou art
mine, and I am thine.

So be it. And the covenant which I have made on earth,
Let it be ratified in heaven.

Amen.