

## THE MISSION-MINDED CHURCH

### Acts 13:1-5 (NASB1995)

<sup>1</sup> Now there were at Antioch, in the church that was *there*, prophets and teachers: Barnabas, and Simeon who was called Niger, and Lucius of Cyrene, and Manaen who had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul. <sup>2</sup> While they were ministering to the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." <sup>3</sup> Then, when they had fasted and prayed and laid their hands on them, they sent them away. <sup>4</sup> So, being sent out by the Holy Spirit, they went down to Seleucia and from there they sailed to Cyprus. <sup>5</sup> When they reached Salamis, they *began* to proclaim the word of God in the synagogues of the Jews; and they also had John as their helper.

### Colossians 4:2-16

<sup>2</sup> Devote yourselves to prayer, keeping alert in it with *an attitude of* thanksgiving; <sup>3</sup> praying at the same time for us as well, that God will open up to us a door for the word, so that we may speak forth the mystery of Christ, for which I have also been imprisoned; <sup>4</sup> that I may make it clear in the way I ought to speak.

<sup>5</sup> Conduct yourselves with wisdom toward outsiders, making the most of the opportunity. <sup>6</sup> Let your speech always be with grace, *as though* seasoned with salt, so that you will know how you should respond to each person.

<sup>7</sup> As to all my affairs, Tychicus, *our* beloved brother and faithful servant and fellow bond-servant in the Lord, will bring you information. <sup>8</sup> *For* I have sent him to you for this very purpose, that you may know about our circumstances and that he may encourage your hearts; <sup>9</sup> and with him Onesimus, *our* faithful and beloved brother, who is one of your *number*. They will inform you about the whole situation here.

<sup>10</sup> Aristarchus, my fellow prisoner, sends you his greetings; and *also* Barnabas's cousin Mark (about whom you received instructions; if he comes to you, welcome him); <sup>11</sup> and *also* Jesus who is called Justus; these are the only fellow workers for the kingdom of God who are from the circumcision, and they have proved to be an encouragement to me. <sup>12</sup> Epaphras, who is one of your number, a bonds slave of Jesus Christ, sends you his greetings, always laboring earnestly for you in his prayers, that you may stand perfect and fully assured in all the will of God. <sup>13</sup> For I testify for him that he has a deep concern for you and for those who are in Laodicea and Hierapolis. <sup>14</sup> Luke, the beloved physician, sends you his greetings, and *also* Demas. <sup>15</sup> Greet the brethren who are in Laodicea and also Nympha and the church that is in her house. <sup>16</sup> When this letter is read among you, have it also read in the church of the Laodiceans; and you, for your part read my letter *that is coming* from Laodicea.

#### I. The Mission-Minded Church Sends Out Missionaries

- A. Part of regular ministry
- B. Covered in prayer and fasting from start to finish
- C. Sends out their best

#### II. The Mission-Minded Church Supports Missionaries

- A. Financial Support
- B. Prayer Support

#### III. The Mission-Minded Church Reaches Other Cultures

- A. Sending outside of our own culture
- B. Reaching other cultures within our own context

IV. The Mission-Minded Church Builds Relational Bridges With Missionaries

*Missions is not a one-way activity, but one in which both the one sent and the who receives being blessed and enriched.*

V. The Mission-Minded Church is Blessed Because Of Their Missionary Involvement

*When you are not involved in missions, you rob yourself of so many blessings, rewards, and relationships.*