...how can one enter into a strong man’s house, and spoil his goods, except he first BIND the strong man? and then he will spoil his house.  (Matthew 12:29) When a strong man armed keepeth his palace, his goods are in peace: But when a stronger than he shall come upon him, and overcome him, he taketh from him all his armour wherein he trusted, and divideth his spoils.  (Luke 11:21-22)

One of the most basic themes of missions is this: God sending Light into the world, to make darkness go away. That Light, of course, is Jesus Christ, who is a Light to all the nations (Isa. 42:6; 49:6). After the resurrection of Christ, God gave Him a spiritual body called His Church, to spread His Light through the Gospel. Satan can no longer deceive the nations any longer (Rev. 20:3) because he is now cast out of heaven (Luke 10:18) and is spiritually bound in a pit of darkness (Rev. 20:1-3) along with his evil angels on the earth reserved unto final judgment (2 Peter 2:4; Jude 6) after which they shall be cast into the lake of fire (Rev. 20:10). But, the passages above assure us that he is also bound so that all God’s elect shall be taken from his grip.

The job of missions in the salvation of souls is shining the Light into the darkness of Satan’s domain and taking from him those held in darkness who are predestined to eternal life. This is done through preaching the Gospel. The Apostle Paul put it this way to King Agrippa describing God’s calling of him to go to the Gentiles Acts 26:18 To open their eyes, [and] to turn [them] from darkness to light, and [from] the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in Me [i.e. Christ].

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One, our Lord Jesus Christ. What a joy it is to be part of this process of bringing Light to the world. Keep the RCM team in prayer, and all who spread the Light of Christ to the darkness of this world. Pray for God to open hearts to receive this light and for those who are and will be called forth to preach that light to their nations.

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