

“Why Should and How Will the Nations Be Glad and Sing for Joy?”

Psalm 67:4, Misc.

Let the Nations Be Glad and Sing for Joy

The nations will be glad and they will sing for joy because the sacrifice of God’s Son is sufficient for the forgiving of the nation’s sins. The means God has chosen to use in the bringing of His redemptive message to the nations during this period in history is in and through His church in the establishment of churches among every tongue, tribe, people, and nations of the world.

Have you ever gone to a white elephant gift exchange party? Basically, people simply give away their unwanted ‘junk’. Although it is a gift, chances are you do not want it. The value of the gift is found in what is given. This is equally true concerning the work of God. The nations can be glad and sing for joy because of the value of the gift.

The Father sent His Son in order to redeem His own from every tribe, tongue, people, and nation. I would like us to consider four simple ideas as to why the nations can be glad.

I. Why should the nations be glad and sing for joy?

- A.** The **nature** of His death is sufficient to save everyone, everywhere, at all times (1 John 2:2).

The value or worth of His death is sufficiently adequate to save all that He wills to save. In the absence of His death no one can be saved. Nothing more needs to be added and nothing can be subtracted from the finished cross work of His Son.

- B.** The **power** of His death is for those who believe in the provision of His Son (Rom. 10:9-13).

God only saves those who believe. The cross work is of no avail if the person does not first believe. If this is not believed, then salvation from sin and its eternal penalty is not secured.

- C.** The **target** of His death is for His people who are in every tribe, tongue, people, and nation.

God does not simply wish for something without rendering certain the outcome. God is not hoping for a positive outcome to His Son’s redemptive work.

- D.** The **outcome** of His death is certain (Rev. 5:9).

He will secure from among every tribe, tongue, people, and nations worshippers (Isa. 53:11). He will not be denied. Neither the apathy of His allies nor the opposition of His enemies will prevent Him from fulfilling His purpose for the nations.

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II. How will the nations be glad and sing for joy?

The means God has chosen to use in the bringing of His redemptive message to the nations during this period in history is in and through His church in the establishment of churches among every tongue, tribe, people, and nations of the world. As a local church fellowship there are five key activities we are to be engaged in as we endeavor to share Christ with the nations.

- A. The local church is the pillar and support of the truth (1 Tim. 3:15).

The church is to promote and protect the purity of the gospel.

- B. The local church is to **identify** those on whom the call of God rests for vocational / leadership ministry in, through, and for local churches (Acts 13:1-4).

The leadership within a local church should be able to identify those within the fellowship as to whom the call of God is resting for specific ministry tasks.

- C. The local church is to **train** her people for vocational / leadership ministry in, through, and for local churches (2 Tim. 2:2).
- D. The local church is to **send out** her people for vocational / leadership ministry in, through, and for local churches (Acts 13:1-4).

As a sending church what are our responsibilities individually and collectively? Let me give you five practical expressions of being a sending church. I am inviting you to get involved by . . .

1. Becoming a part of a ministry prayer team.
2. Giving regularly to the mission of WBC.
3. Becoming involved in personal discipleship that intentionally trains us for ministry.
4. Striving after servant leadership.
5. Becoming a part of a church planting ministry.

- E. The local church is to **manage / administrate** those she sends out for vocational / leadership ministry in, through, and for local churches (Acts 14:24-27).

May God enable us to push past our issues of ease and comfort, convenience and preference in order to embrace His purpose for the nations.