

*“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.

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).
  - B. The **power** of His death is for those who believe in the provision of His Son (Rom. 10:9-13).
  - C. The **target** of His death is for His people who are in every tribe, tongue, people, and nation.
  - D. The **outcome** of His death is certain (Rev. 5:9).

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).

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- 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.