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### What is My Mission in this World?

I am here on a mission, a mission from God. God has given this mission to all Christians, Jesus said in Matthew 28:19: "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." My mission is to tell people how much God loves them and how much he wants to be a part of their lives. While all Christians have been given this mission, we are each given different gifts to use in order to accomplish our mission, I believe that God has given me the gift of telling others about him; some call this the gift of evangelism. God's goal is to have the entire world know him. My goal is a bit smaller I would like my family, my friends, my neighbors and all those I come into contact with to come to know God as their leader and provider. I hope to accomplish this through my words and through my actions. To this purpose God has given me many resources. A good education, family, friends and much more. I also am aware that I need to put these resources to good use, as the Bible says in Matthew 13:12: "Whoever has will be given more, and he will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken from him," To accomplish my mission I will share what I have with others. As I go about my mission I want to be someone others see as a person who not only speaks the truth about God but who demonstrates it. 1st Corinthians 13:1 says: "If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal." My life must be a reflection to others of the love God has for me. As Matthew 5:16 says: "In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven." Actions alone will not be enough, as Romans 10:14 says: "How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them?" My actions must be accompanied by an explanation of my faith. I want my life to model the verse from Acts 10:2 which states: "He and all his family were devout and God-fearing; he gave generously to those in need and prayed to God regularly." Ultimately I will know how successful I have been in reaching my goal when I am reunited with all my loved ones in heaven. As Romans 6:5 says: "If we have been united with him like this in his death, we will certainly also be united with him in his resurrection." And as Philippians 3:20-21 says: "But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body." My last mission is to follow all his commandments that he left us.