

Core Seminars – Christian Growth
Missions: The Right Fuel for Missions
Week 2 – June 15, 2003

Summary of Last Week

1. God is supreme in His own affections
2. God acts to magnify his own glory (see scripture handout).
3. God delights to magnify His glory by showing mercy to sinners.

What is the fuel that should power OUR passion for missions?

The Right Fuel for Missions

- I. God works FOR His people

Isaiah 46:1-4

Missions is not a recruitment project for God's labor force. It is a liberation project from the heavy burdens and hard yokes of other gods. - John Piper "Let the Nations Be Glad,"

II. God has given us a message of joy

The Lord reigns; let the earth rejoice; let the many coastlands be glad. Psalm 97:1

*Let the peoples praise thee, O God; let all the peoples praise thee!
Let the nations be glad and sing for joy!* Psalm 67:3-4

For the Sake of the Name

For I am ready not only to be imprisoned but even to die at Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus. Acts 21:13

In fact, as Paul, writing to the Philippians, considered his life as a whole, he declared...

But whatever was to my profit I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. What is more, I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. Philippians 3: 7-8a

The Travail of His Soul and the Right Kind of Love

*I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, for they are yours. All I have is yours, and all you have is mine.
And glory has come to me through them.* John 17:9-10

This is the great point that we must understand in this lesson. Our

hope in missions is that Christ will be glorified by the Father's completion of the request brought by the Son. And what is that work which the Father will certainly complete?

Giving eternal life to all those which the Father has given to the Son.