

WHY MISSIONS
Why God Came To Earth, Part 4
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Titus 1:12-13 (NIV) "Even one of their own prophets has said, 'Cretans are always liars, evil brutes, lazy gluttons.' This testimony is true."

3 Reasons Why We Spread Christianity All Over This World

1. The grace of God is a gift for all mankind

Titus 2:11

Titus 2:11 (NAS) "For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all men."

- Christianity is not a localized religion

Christianity has nothing to do with America, the west, or Europe

Christianity was given to all men – not to a select group of people

We forget Christianity did not begin in America but in the Middle East

- Christianity is not part of a culture

Christianity is trans-cultural

Jesus Christ is not a savior; He is the savior

2. The grace of God contains the power & truth to set all free from sin's power

Titus 2:12

The gospel is not just about heaven one day; it's also about now

The gospel teaches us to know Right and Wrong, so we have the power to say no to sin and to live self-controlled lives

Only in Christianity do we find the power and motivation to Forgive others

The thing that sets Christianity apart from all other religions is Christianity is the only truly "others oriented" religious system

Every other religion system is "me oriented" because I'm trying to please a god in order to make it in

Only in the context of Christianity can you find unconditional love

John 4:9 (NIV) "The Samaritan woman said to Him, "You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?"

John 4:27 (NIV) "Just then His disciples returned and were surprised to find Him talking with a woman."

In Christianity we find the power to say no to sin, re-evaluate our values, and receive the power to love as God has called us to love

3. **The grace of God includes the promise of heaven/eternity with God**
Titus 2:12-14

Jesus didn't say He was "a" way; He said He was "the" way
John 14:6; Acts 4:12

Jesus believed in hell, otherwise He would have stayed in heaven

Other religions are groping to find God, work their way to God, and they come to the end of life with no assurance

The gospel, God's grace, and salvation has been given to the whole world, and we've been given the responsibility of ensuring that people of every nation, very tribe, and every tongue have the opportunity to hear & understand this good news and come to faith in Christ

Each one of us must figure out how we can be part of touching the world with the gospel

We must think beyond our family, community, and nation; we must become world Christians

Ask God, "What would you have me do?"

The grace of God and the good news of Jesus Christ is the hope to change this world for eternity and this life as well

My Next Step Today Is:

- My prayer, "God create in me a heart for Your world. I want to be a world Christian."
- I will ask God, "What would you have me do in regards to missions – with my time, talents, and money?"