

## **A To offer salvation.**

- ❖ God reveals Himself in several ways:
  - Through the work of the Holy Spirit (Acts 5:32)
  - Through nature (Psalm 19:1)
  - Through special or providential circumstances (1 Chronicles 16:12)
  - Through the life and ministry of Jesus (John 1:18)
- ❖ Despite being able to use all those means of communication, God has chosen us to announce the plan of salvation to others.
- ❖ He wants those who have accepted Salvation to share it with others. He wants us to share what we have received, giving others the opportunity to accept eternal life (Matthew 10:8; James 5:20).

## **B To make God glad.**

- ❖ Have you ever wondered how God feels about the pain, suffering and injustice sin has brought to our world? (Jeremiah 13:17).
- ❖ When a heart accepts Christ, the angels burst into shouts of cheerfulness, and God sings joyfully (Luke 15:7; Zephaniah 3:17).
- ❖ What can be more rewarding, more fulfilling, than knowing your witness brings joy to the heart of God in a world of sadness?

## **C To grow.**

- ❖ As we mentioned before, God has many ways to reveal Himself. However, even when revealing Himself directly, He always put people in contact with other people. Check the experiences of Saul or Cornelius, for example (Acts 9:3-6; 10:1-6).
- ❖ Preaching the Gospel is a blessing for us. We can grow spiritually and rejoice with Christ when people accept Him.

## **D To obey Jesus' command.**

- ❖ God doesn't want "anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance." (2 Peter 3:9 NIV)
- ❖ God has chosen men and women (2P 2:5; Gn. 12:1-3), nations (Is. 49:6) and peoples (Acts 1:8) to make Salvation known through history.
- ❖ For the church to neglect or minimize the command of Christ is to fail in the purpose of her existence and miss her prophetic calling to the world.

## **E For love's sake.**

- ❖ The love of Jesus moved Paul to spread the Word of God all over the world since he understood that Jesus had given His life to save him (2Co. 5:14-15).
- ❖ Witnessing is a loving response to God's love.
- ❖ "Most of the brothers and sisters have become confident in the Lord and dare all the more to proclaim the gospel without fear [...] out of goodwill. [...] [they] do so out of love." (Philippians 1:14-16 NIV).