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THE
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FAITH &
MESSAGE
2000

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XI. Evangelism and Missions

It is the duty and privilege of every follower of Christ and of every church of the Lord Jesus Christ to endeavor to make disciples of all nations. The new birth of man's spirit by God's Holy Spirit means the birth of love for others. Missionary effort on the part of all rests thus upon a spiritual necessity of the regenerate life, and is expressly and repeatedly commanded in the teachings of Christ.

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The Lord Jesus Christ has commanded the preaching of the gospel to all nations. It is the duty of every child of God to seek constantly to win the lost to Christ by verbal witness undergirded by a Christian lifestyle, and by other methods in harmony with the gospel of Christ.

Key Texts

Genesis 12:1-3: Now the LORD had said to Abram: “Get out of your country, from your family and from your father’s house, to a land that I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name great; and you shall be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and I will curse him who curses you; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

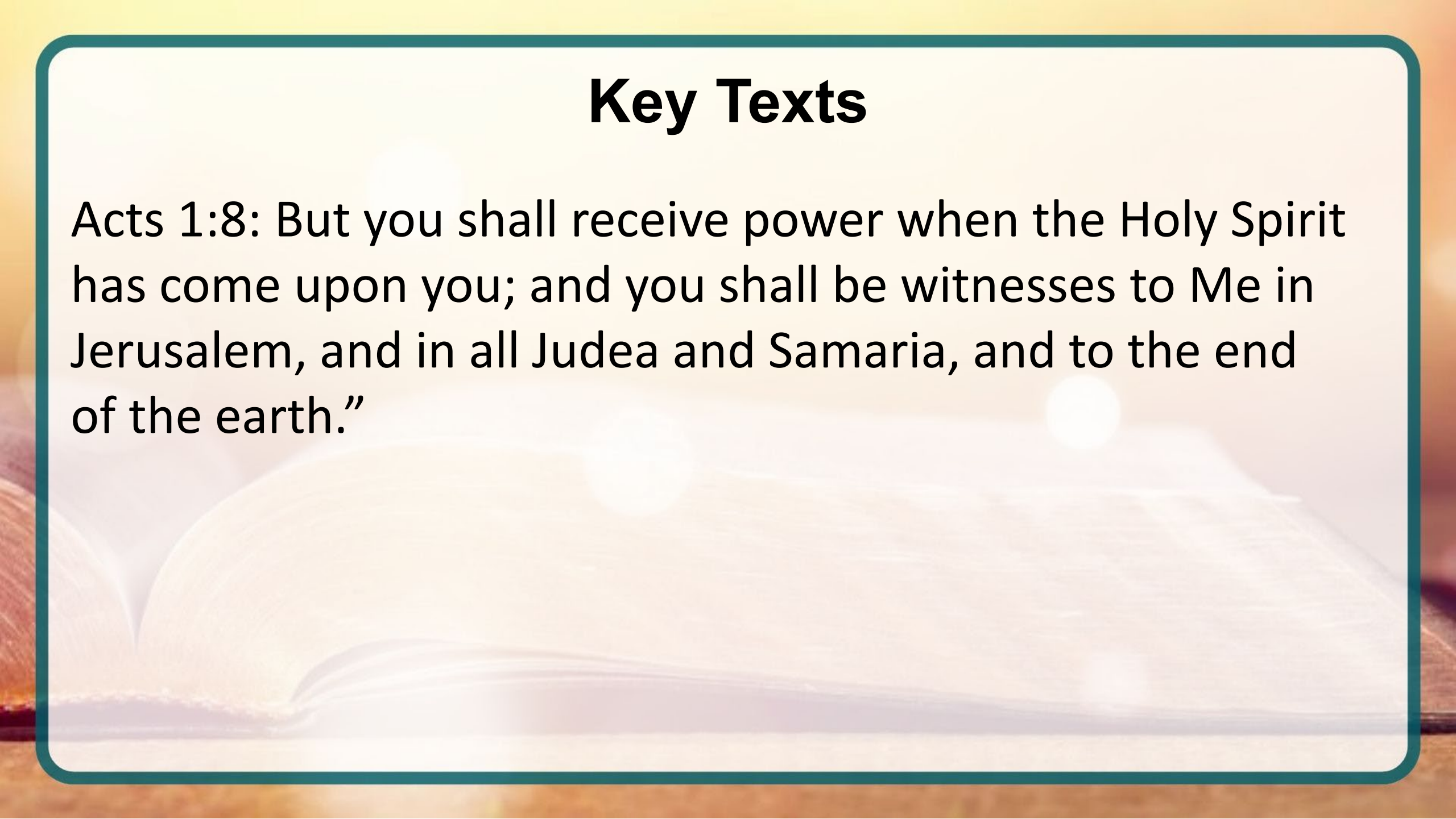
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Matthew 9:37-38: Then He said to His disciples, “The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.”

Matthew 28:18-20: And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Amen.

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Acts 1:8: But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”



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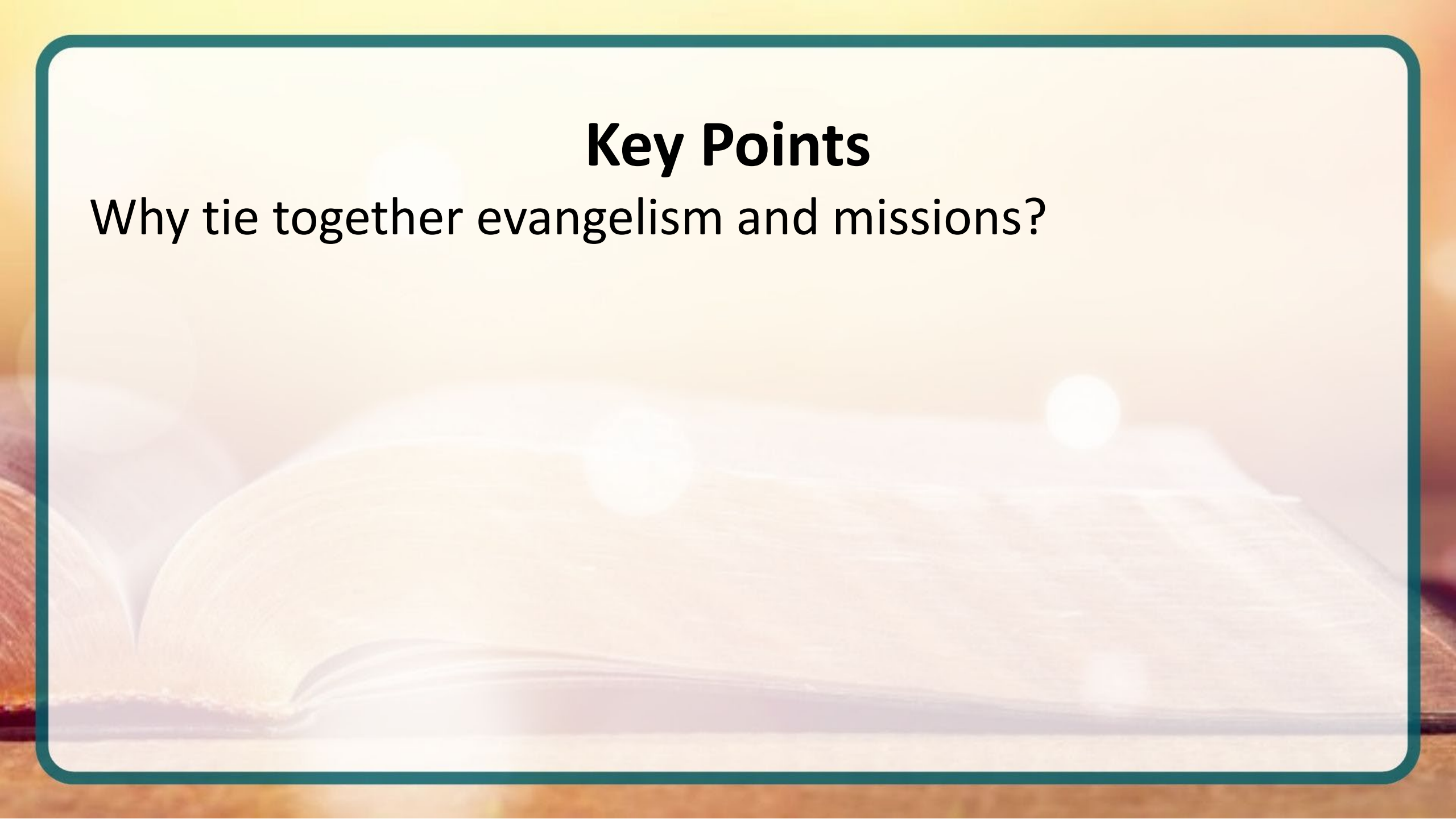
Romans 10:13-15: For “whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved.” How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach unless they are sent? As it is written: “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace who bring glad tidings of good things!”

2 Timothy 4:5: But you be watchful in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

Ephesians 4:11-12 And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ,

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Evangelism is sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ to lead others to faith and salvation. (God, Man, Christ, Response)

Missions is the application of evangelism across cultures, involving the intentional crossing of linguistic, cultural, or geographic boundaries to proclaim the gospel and meet needs in a culturally sensitive way.

Key Points

The BF&M 2000 adds the phrase “verbal witness”
*win the lost to Christ by verbal witness undergirded by a
Christian lifestyle...*

The liberal drift is to do “missions” without evangelism.

Key Points

Who is responsible for evangelism and missions?

It is the duty and privilege of every follower of Christ and of every church of the Lord Jesus Christ to endeavor to make disciples of all nations.

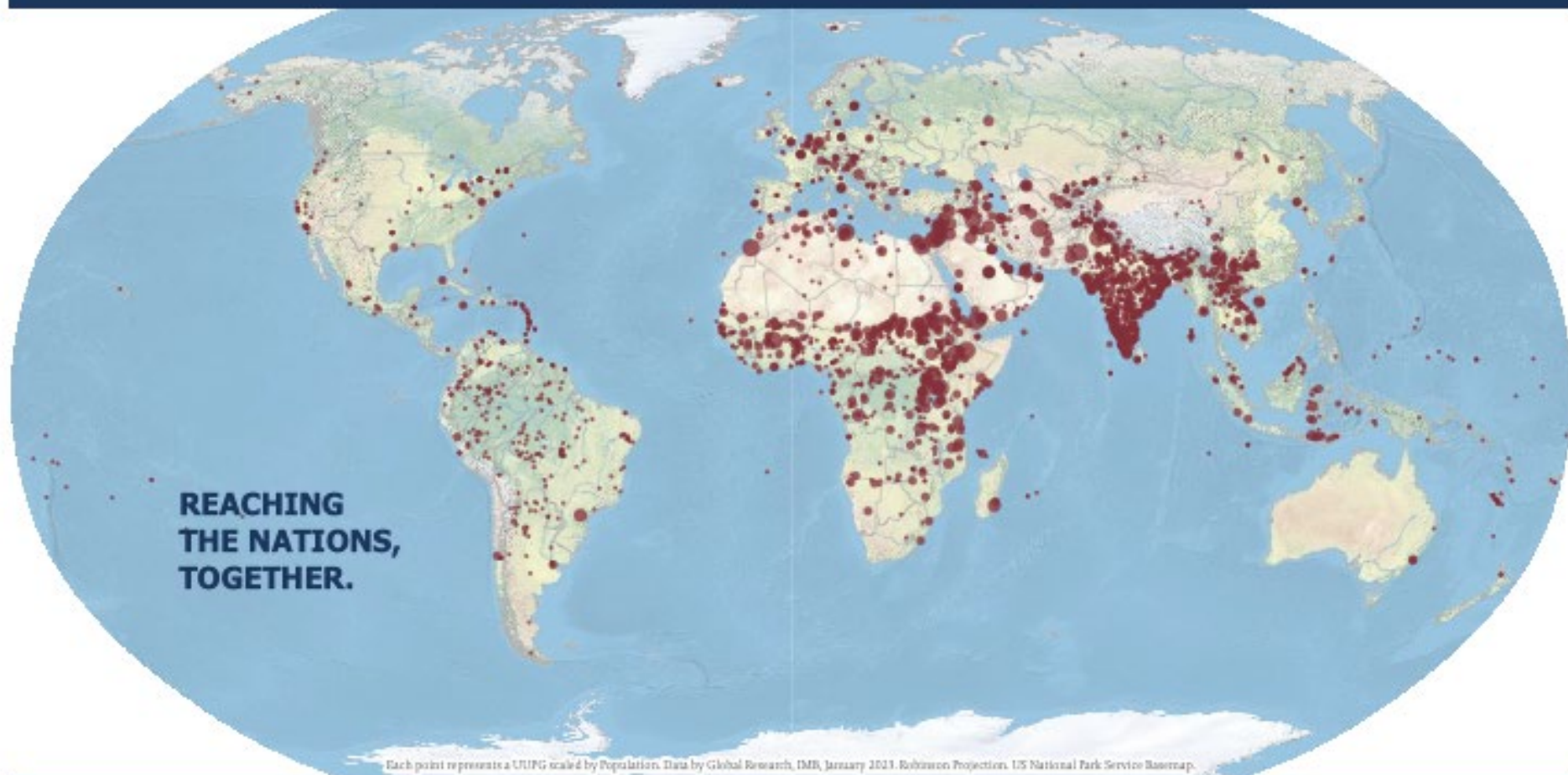
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“What is the scope of evangelism/missions?”

...make disciples of all nations.

1.6 billion have never heard the name of Jesus

UNENGAGED UNREACHED PEOPLE GROUPS



3,183 people groups - 277 million people

- less than 50,000
- 50,000 - 100,000
- 100,000 - 500,000
- 500,000 - 1 million
- 1 million - 2 million
- 2+ million

for more information, visit peoplegroups.org or email gric@imb.org



A recent Christian Post article cited only 3% of mission work goes to reach the unreached, while in 2021, the IMB sought to focus 81.2% of missionary team efforts among unreached people groups (UPG). Additionally, 90.8% of all IMB teams were focused on at least one UPG

Key Points

What is the rationale or motivation for evangelism/missions?

- Love
- The necessity of the new birth
- Obedience to the command of Jesus.