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We Speak to Nations

Revelation 5:1-14

Revelation 5:6–10 (NIV) — 6 Then I saw a Lamb, looking as if it had been slain, standing at the center of the throne, encircled by the four living creatures and the elders. The Lamb had seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. 7 He went and took the scroll from the right hand of him who sat on the throne. 8 And when he had taken it, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb. Each one had a harp and they were holding golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of God's people. 9 And they sang a new song, saying: "You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased for God persons from every tribe and language and people and nation. 10 You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God, and they will reign on the earth."

Introduction

- ❖ Local ministry and missions are vital.
- Global missions is a mandate which is tragically neglected.
- ❖ We have the privilege and responsibility to lead the way in global missions.

Four Theological Truths Found in Scripture

- Our sovereign God holds the destiny of the world in his hands.
- ❖ The condition of the man standing before God, apart from Christ is hopeless.
- ❖ The greatest news in all the world is that the slaughtered lamb reigns as sovereign Lord of all.

❖ The atonement of Christ is graciously, globally and gloriously personal.

What must we do as believers?

- We must pray confidently for the spread of the gospel to all people.
- ❖ We must give liberally and sacrificially.
- ❖ We must partner with one another to fulfill the great commission.

Life divided into three time periods.

- ❖ First 30 years are getting experience. Applied experience brings knowledge.
- Second 30 years are gaining knowledge. Applied knowledge brings wisdom.
- ❖ Third 30 years we are wisdom. Applied wisdom we are now living, teaching and sharing with the next generation.

Psalm 71:17–18 (NKJV) — 17 O God, You have taught me from my youth; And to this day I declare Your wondrous works. 18 Now also when I am old and grayheaded, O God, do not forsake me, Until I declare Your strength to this generation, Your power to everyone who is to come.

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