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I will begin this essay by describing from the book of Acts the call of God upon the Apostle Paul's life to the mission fields and further exploring Padilla's article on Holistic Mission. The Book of Acts focused on the significance of being obedient to God's Word and what transpired as a result of coming in contact with Christ. The apostle Paul dedicated himself to the mission field as an evangelist. In my opinion, he was the world's greatest biblical example of an evangelist. The apostle Paul did an outstanding demonstration of the proclamation of the gospel that modern churches should integrate along with a "rise in Christian conscience." Even though I am a traditional believer in the ancient mission Paul established, I am willing to adapt to a holistic approach by not ignoring human basic needs. By adapting to the holistic mission we as Christians should embrace evangelistic work along with social responsibility.

Ultimately Jesus was righteous, pure, and holy. He had no sin of His own. Yet, out of love, He paid it all at the cross. However, He had a redemptive purpose for mankind. According to the article the church has always participated in the extension of the mission field and extended itself to humanitarian suffering. Primarily Christ gave Himself because He cares. Therefore, He is expecting the church His bride to have a heart and to be inclusive in stepping up in the world by transforming the communities growing in Christ as a "whole" in the love of God and making disciples.

We as Christians have an obligation to be passionate in laboring for God's kingdom. As a missionary, I visualize the nail scar on Jesus' hands and feet and know I have a responsibility to tell the world about Jesus and His righteousness. One of Jesus' desires is for us Christians to emphasize the Great Commission and proclaim the gospel by ministering to His people both spiritually and physiologically. We must communicate and display the genuine love of God to His people. Unfortunately, this generation that exists will not accept the Gospel unless God touches their hearts and we practice a holistic mission. I would consider that Jesus established justice when He was on earth teaching, by taking the loaf and fish to feed the crowd. The church has a responsibility to do "very good work among the poor." Padilla's article inferred that we as believers must be faithful to the scripture in our mission and be intentional holistically. By transforming the lives of humans in all dimensions including the whole creation. Yes, we must inform the world that Jesus wants to share the joy of His salvation with human beings and we humans are a unity of body, soul, and spirit.

Questions

How do we differentiate the mission from the holistic mission?

Why do we complicate God's work by using a "Holistic Mission"?

Is everyone called to be a missionary?

The church was called to be evangelical Christians, why all Christians are not missionaries?