

**Title-** The ABC of Christian Missionary Work: Three Christian Missionary Principles that Our Christian Schools and Seminaries Must Teach

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**Abstract-** There are all kinds of Christian missionary work that God's people have engaged in throughout church history and taught in Christian schools and seminaries. Some are very good, leading the way of the cross and doing the work of the Great Commission, but some are not.

During the New Testament era, many Christians engaged in missionary work, but those from the "party of the circumcision" did not teach true freedom in Christ and what it meant to live as God's people. In Galatians, Paul warned against such "false brothers" and their misunderstanding of circumcision. When pastors, teachers, and missionaries are not teaching biblical principles of Christian missionary work, especially the Gospel of Jesus Christ, they will do much harm.

In the "ABC of Christian Missionary Work," focusing on international missions, we will provide three critical Christian missionary principles that we must teach in our schools and seminaries so that we can fulfill the Great Commission in our generation:

The first principle is "A - always put God's word first and the values of His kingdom." The primary goal of Christian missions is to fulfill the Great Commission and to make *Jesus disciples* who live for God and His kingdom.

The second principle is "B - begin with starting an indigenous church and not a foreign outpost." When preaching the Gospel to local people and starting a Christian community, the aim is to organize an *indigenous church* where local people lead, support, and do missions as they best see fit.

And the third principle is "C - carry on the purpose of the Great Commission by taking the Gospel to the *ends of the earth*." Missionaries are to work themselves out of a job as they move continuously move from one place to another to fulfill the Great Commission.