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## Acts 1:8

## As Christians, we are to be laborers in God's harvest fields.

- Jesus said that we are to be His witnesses to the <u>ends</u> of the earth!
  <u>ends</u>: (Greek: *eschatou*) "last"
  The last places on earth "to the uttermost part of the earth" KJV
- Sesus said that the Gospel of the <u>Kingdom</u> will be proclaimed throughout the whole earth! Matthew 24:14 "And this gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come."

by The Second Coming of Christ will not come until the gospel goes to the whole earth!

 Jesus told His followers to pray earnestly that the Lord would <u>send</u> out laborers into His harvest. *Matthew 9:38 "therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the <u>harvest</u> to send out laborers into His harvest." <u>send</u>: (Greek – <i>ekballo*) "to drive out, to push out, to draw out, thrust out."<sup>1</sup>

## ✤ Jesus imparted a <u>vision</u> to His disciples.

- Matthew 9:36-37 "... He had <u>compassion</u> for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then He said to His disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few;'"
- Jesus sent the twelve to proclaim the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand. Matthew 10:5-8 "These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them, 'Go nowhere among the Gentiles and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. And proclaim as you go, saying, "The kingdom of heaven is at hand." Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, cast out demons. You received without paying; give without pay.""

## What is <u>required</u> to be a laborer in God's harvest fields?

- A laborer must be a Christ <u>Follower</u> a true Christian a Disciple. Matthew 10:1; 1 Peter 1:3; Matthew 28:19-20; John 8:31-32; 1 John 2:3-6
- A laborer must have a <u>yielded</u> life to the will of God. Matthew 26:39; Romans 6:13; Acts 20:24
- A laborer must be full of the <u>Holy Spirit</u>. Acts 1:8; Acts 6:5,8 & Acts 7:55; 1 Corinthians 14:1; Ephesians 5:18
- A laborer must realize that God uses <u>imperfect</u> people to accomplish His work.
  1 Corinthians 1:26-30; 2 Corinthians 12:9-10; Galatians 2:11-14; Acts 16:39; Philippians 4:2-3
- A laborer must be willing to "Go". Matthew 28:19-20; Matthew 10:5-6

Acts 13:47-52