

DISPERSING THE GOSPEL AMONG THE NATIONS

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The Word of God and preaching must reach all the world. The Bible shows that there are to be people obedient to the Word of God in the last days. The development of transportation and communications technologies are for the furthering of the Gospel.

Jesus prophesied that the Word of God would be spread abroad. “And the gospel must first be published among all nations.” (Mark 13:10). This would require two things, 1. the availability of the Word of God to the people, and 2. a true people of God, called and sent, who bear the Gospel.

In fact, Paul was a witness to it when he wrote, “But now is made manifest, and by the scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of the everlasting God, made known to all nations for the obedience of faith” (Romans 16:26). Paul was believing that the Word of God was reaching people. He believed that the scripture, that is, the written Word, was being made available to the nations. He also believed that Christians (the Church) were an effective witness. The great thing that Paul believed was that people in all nations would not only hear the Gospel, but that many would believe.

Word believing Christians must have faith today that many people are able to be obedient to the Gospel, and that it can influence and turn around whole nations.

There are things to help in this. “But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, *even* to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased.” (Daniel 12:4). This prophecy shows that in the last days transportation and communication technology would increase. Travel is more accessible than ever before (e.g. aeroplanes). Idea dispersal is more effective than ever before (e.g. television and the internet).

It is no accident that communications technology is both being developed, and being made available even into remote areas. The reason for this is so that the Gospel may all the more be communicated, and the Word of God made all the more accessible.