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MYTH #2: MISSIONS IS OPTIONAL

MYTH #3: MISSIONS IS ENDLESS

And they sang a new song:"You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased men for God from every tribe and language and people and nation.

REVELATION 5:9

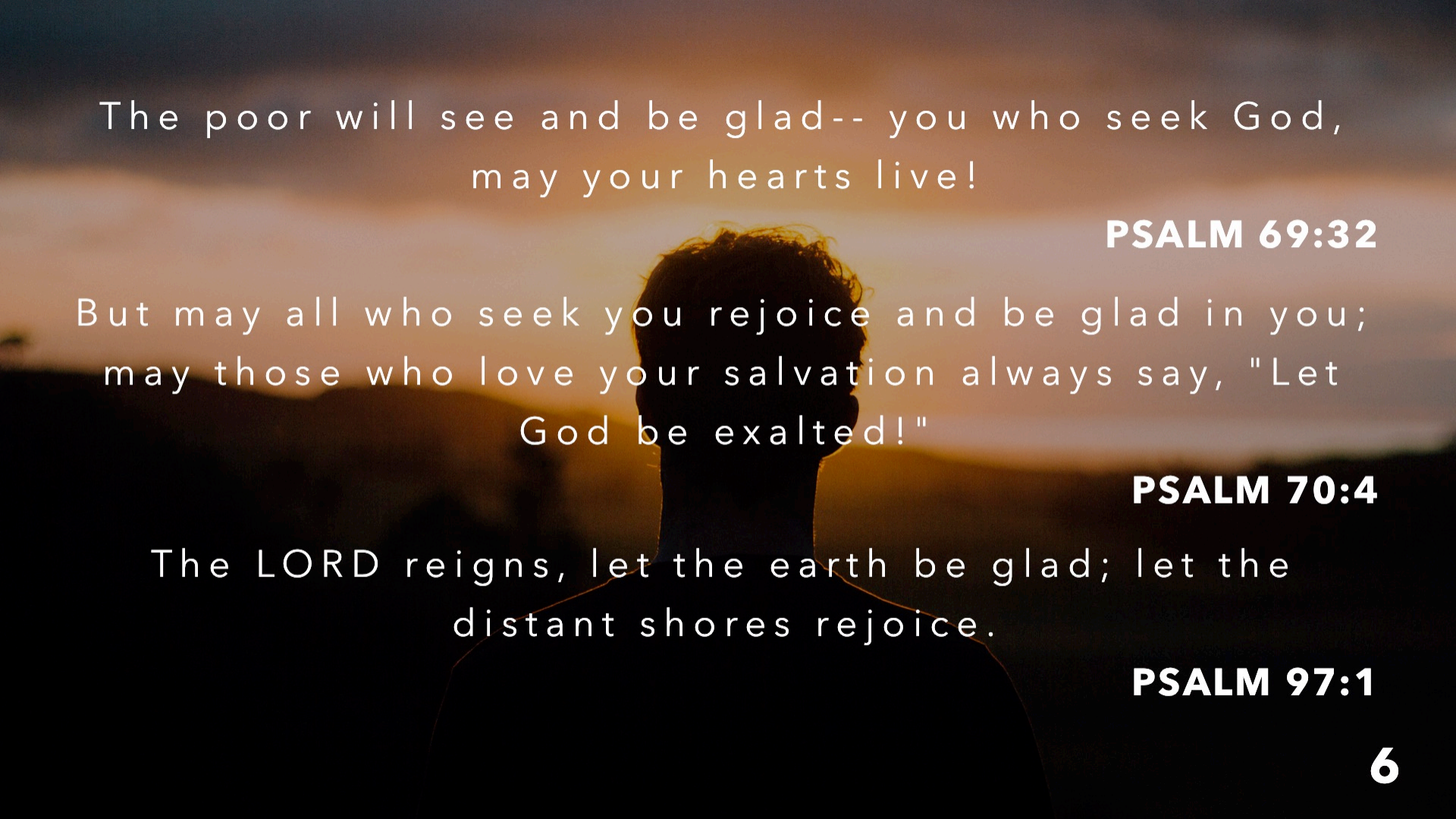
MYTH #1: MISSIONS IS BORING

You have made known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand.

PSALM 16:11

May the peoples praise you, O God; may all the peoples praise you. May the nations be glad and sing for joy for you rule the peoples justly and guide the nations of the earth.

PSALM 67:3-4



The poor will see and be glad-- you who seek God, may your hearts live!

PSALM 69:32

But may all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; may those who love your salvation always say, "Let God be exalted!"

PSALM 70:4

The LORD reigns, let the earth be glad; let the distant shores rejoice.

PSALM 97:1

I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.
LUKE 15:7

MYTH #2: MISSIONS IS OPTIONAL

Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

MATTHEW 28:18-20

MYTH #3: MISSIONS IS ENDLESS

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MATTHEW 24:14

No one knows about that day or hour, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.
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So from Jerusalem all the way around to Illyricum, I have fully proclaimed the gospel of Christ. It has always been my ambition to preach the gospel where Christ was not known, so that I would not be building on someone else's foundation. But now that there is no more place for me to work in these regions, and since I have been longing for many years to see you, I plan to do so when I go to Spain.

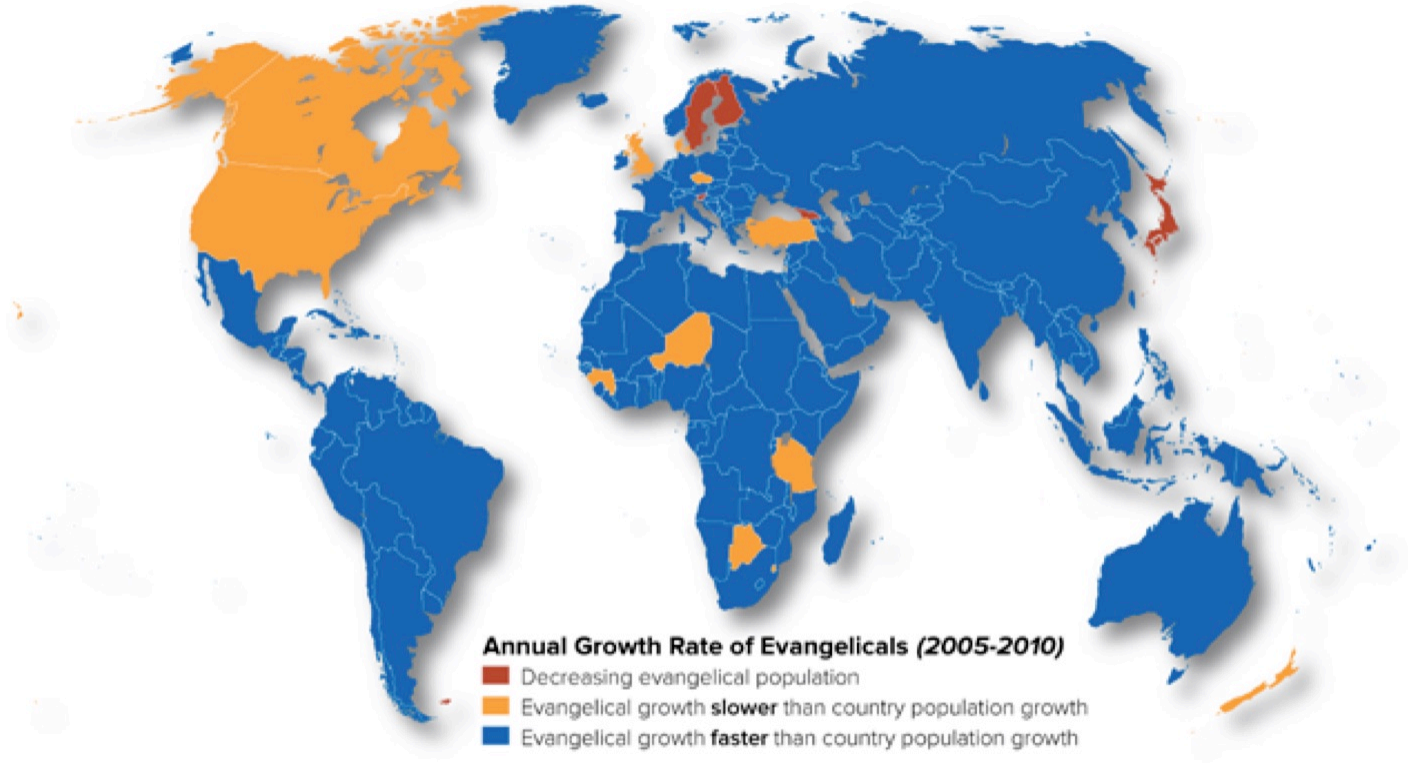
ROMANS 15:19-20,23-24

The Proportion of Unreached Peoples To Congregations and Christians*

Year A.D.	Non-Christians per Believer	Unreached People Groups	Congregations per Unreached People Group
100	360 to 1	60,000	1 to 12
1000	220 to 1	50,000	1 to 5
1500	69 to 1	44,000	1 to 1
1900	27 to 1	40,000	10 to 1
1950	21 to 1	24,000	33 to 1
1980	11 to 1	17,000	162 to 1
1989	7 to 1	12,000	416 to 1
2000	?	0?	?

*John Piper, "Desiring God" (quoting Ralph Winter), Multnomah Press, 1996, p. 195

Growth Rate of Evangelical Christianity



Other relevant statistics:
World population annual growth rate: 1.2%
World evangelical annual growth rate: 2.6%

Data from *Operation World DVD-ROM 2010*
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THE GREAT SHIFT

YEAR	% OF CHRISTIANS IN EUROPE, NORTH AMERICA	% OF CHRISTIANS IN LATIN AMERICA, AFRICA, ASIA
1800	99%	1%
1900	90%	10%
1979	50%	50%
2016	24%	76%

"A Wind in the House of Islam"

By David Garrison

Movements of Muslims to Christ

600-1800	No known movements
1800-1980	2 movements (Indonesia and Ethiopia)
1980-2000	11 movements (Iran, Algeria, Bulgaria, Albania, West Africa, Bangladesh, Central Asia)
2000-2013	69 movements (across the globe)

Definition of a movement

- At least 1,000 baptized believers – OR – 100 new church starts
- Over a two-decade period

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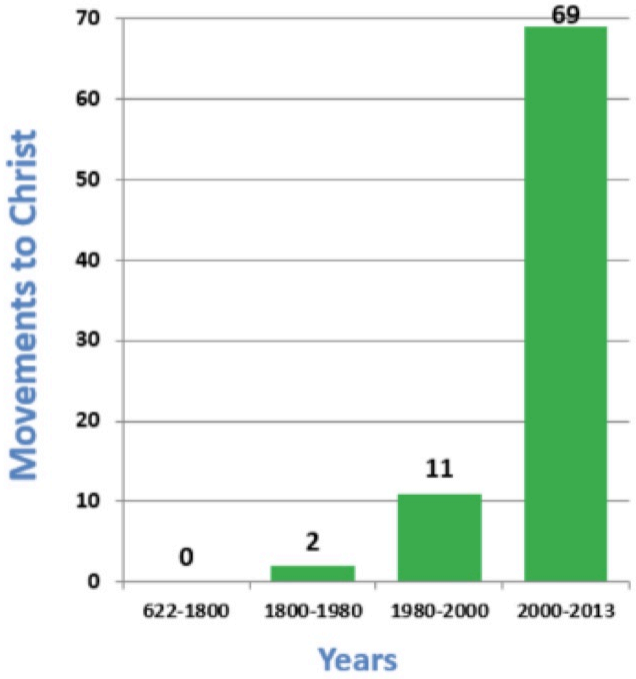

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