

Is there anywhere in creation the gospel shouldn't be proclaimed?

Not surprisingly, the answer is no. In Colossians 1:23 Paul says we're *made for more mission*. We are told that the gospel ought to be "proclaimed in all creation under heaven."



But notice the reason *why*. It's not because of anything *in* creation. It's because of the one *over* creation. We proclaim *to* all creation in verse 23 because Christ is the firstborn *over* all creation in verse 15.

All things were created for him and through him. All creation is sustained by him. When all things were alienated from him because of sin, it was by his cross that he reconciled all things in heaven and earth to himself.

He is created all things. He is over all things. All the fullness of God dwells in him and he is reconciling all things to himself.

He is the Creator, the sustainer, the King, the merciful Saviour, the redeemer and reconciler for all creation—and *all creation needs to know*.

So those of us who are part of his *first* creation and have tasted his goodness of *new* creation are called on to go and tell the *rest* of creation—our Creator is good!

Response:

Let's pray today that we would be so moved by the beauty of Christ, by his goodness to us, that we would look for one opportunity to tell one person in one part of his creation—your Creator is good!

Prayer:

Father God, thank you for the reminder of the good and gracious one for whom all things exist. I pray that you would help me live to today like Jesus is worthy of being known and loved by all of creation. You are the king of all creation, so please lead me to one person in your creation today who needs to have hope. Help me to open my mouth because Christ is worthy. In Jesus' name, amen.