# The Missionary-Theologian

## Sent into the World, Sanctified by the Word

*E.D. Burns*

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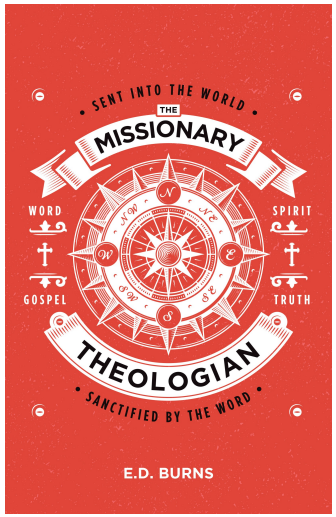


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**DESCRIPTION**

Gospel doctrine is the lifeblood of mission. Most missionaries in church history have prepared for the field with rigorous study and theological training, but there has been a move away from that in recent times. E.D. Burns contends that this is dangerous, leaving people ill–equipped to deal with the difficulties mission life brings. This brotherly plea challenges those who are already in, or are considering joining, the mission field to rest in Christ's work and abide in His Word.

**MARKETING POINTS**

Importance of theology for mission

For people beginning or in the middle of mission

By experienced missionary

**AUTHOR**

E.D. Burns, PhD, has been a missionary in the Middle East, East Asia, Alaska, and currently Southeast Asia, where he develops theological resources and trains indigenous pastors and missionaries. From his international location, he also directs the MA in Global Leadership at Western Seminary. He is the author of 'A Supreme Desire to Please Him: The Spirituality of Adoniram Judson'.

**ENDORSEMENTS**

Don't let the word 'theologian' in the title fool you. There's nothing 'ivory tower' about this book. To the contrary, Burns articulately argues that missionaries should, indeed, be out and about and engaged in God's global mission. He does so with rich and insightful doses of Scripture, history, theology, and missiology, as well as illuminating examples from his own life and others'. As both a missionary and a theologian, Burns has written with aplomb and authority; as an impassioned follower of Christ, he's written with humility and hope.

**João Mordomo**
*Co-Founder and Vice-Chair, Crossover Global and Senior Associate, Lausanne Movement*

*The Missionary–Theologian* cuts like a surgeon's scalpel, graciously excising the disease and bringing wholeness to form a theology and philosophy of missions that is emphatically biblical. As a pastor in the local church, this work brings great hope to my soul for the future of missions and its enduring legacy, rooted in fidelity to sound doctrine. For too long, we in the West have minimized the heart of gospel ministry as being profoundly and primarily theological. Instead we have substituted biblical truth with the temporary, pseudo–spiritual remedies of man–centered experience and emotion. Dr. Burns has written with clarity, boldness, and accuracy to call all who value the glory of God among the nations to reconsider and retool for a ministry founded upon the power of the Word of God. His writing here cannot be missed or overlooked in our churches, our seminaries, or on the field. Read it and apply!

**Brian Fairchild**
*Pastor, Colonial Bible Church, Midland, Texas*

Tenacious. That word kept coming to mind as I read this book. I met Burns when we were students together. He was the one leading spontaneous prayer meetings for the nations and speaking about the glory of God. Neither would let him go. This work represents that happy union of theology and mission after two decades in the meat smoker of study and experience. Here is a book on the church and her mission and a theology of both; a book that holds onto the doctrine of sola scriptura and to the practice of global missions as though everything depends on it. Let this book convince you—or re–convince you—that indeed everything is at stake.

**TECHNICAL DETAILS**

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