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Abstract:

This study seeks to contextualize Christ’s teaching and compassion into Buddha’s teaching and compassion to reaching out to Buddhists in Thailand. To reach this goal, it first examines the biblical-theological foundations of Christ’s teaching and compassion as the mandate of His disciples. Second, it explores Buddha’s teaching and compassion, its practice and influence in the Thai culture, and how the Thai Buddhists practice their religion.

Third, it explores the success and failure of the Christian churches and the SDA Church in how they had applied Christ’s method in Thailand. The Adventist practice of teaching and compassion was studied in Chiangmai Adventist Academy by reaching Buddhist students.

A summary with conclusions and outlines provides recommendations for the Thai Seventh-day Adventist schools, church institutions and church members. Practical suggestions of how to implement Christ’s teaching and compassionate methods for reaching Buddhists are given, along with further suggestions for future study.