

Course 116
The Great Commission
An apostolic teaching of the Global School of Ministry

Introduction

Men have tried to complicate a very simple assignment of God, to the point that the message has lost its cutting edge. Jesus came essentially as the Paschal Lamb, to die for the sins of the whole world. After His death and resurrection, He charged the Church to declare the good news of a solution to the hitherto intractable sin problem to humanity so that “whoever” believes shall be saved [Matthew 28:18–20; Mark 16:15–18]. The Great Commission is therefore, first and foremost, a declaration of the good news of salvation. However, the going forth of a believer is enhanced if he or she is first a witness to the power of Christ to save from sin as Acts 1:8 demands. It is essential to affirm that salvation of souls is just part of the whole picture and should never be treated as an end in itself. The reason is that Jesus came not just to save the lost but also to ensure their transition from the kingdom of Satan to the Kingdom of God and from darkness to light!

Ultimately therefore, there is need to have the full picture in focus so that the Church does not end up producing people who are “saved” and yet live by the philosophies of men driven by the influence of the Prince of the Power of the air. One of the reasons why the Body of Christ seem to have been boxed into a corner is the wrong perception of what the Great Commission is. The outcome of this error is the wrong emphasis on numbers at Evangelistic meetings. In effect, most evangelists have rated their core assignment as merely to have the largest possible number of people fill out “decision cards” and say the “sinners’ prayer” and they consider their work done.

Nothing could be further from the truth. That someone filled a decision card or said the sinner’s prayer does not make that one a saint. The broken lives which follow many who have done those two rituals attest to this truism. It is needful therefore for us to wait on the Lord and download from His Throne a proper understanding of what the Great Commission is. Over the next few days therefore, we will proceed with lessons examining various aspects of this critical course.

We shall therefore examine these sub issues:

- What is the Great Commission?
- What are components of the Great Commission?
- Who is to execute the Great Commission?
- In the post-modern Western culture, what are the range of tools that can be deployed?
- What does it mean to be a witness?
- What is the role of miracles, signs and wonders in the Great Commission?

Lesson 1

The Great Commission: An Overview; Definition of terms.

Question: What is the Great Commission?

Answer: The Great Commission is “the mandate Jesus Christ gave to the whole Church to preach the full gospel of the Kingdom of God to the whole world and make disciples of all nations as a prelude to His return to rule and reign on planet earth.”

Explaining this definition

A proper understanding of this working definition will clear much of the confusion which surrounds this critical mandate. Satan has laboured relentlessly to induce so much confusion amongst Christians to the point that what should have united all who claim to belong to Christ is now the very epicentre of controversy and division. Pentecostals are at war with Evangelicals; some who claim they are Kingdom citizens refuse to speak of the Great Commission. Where they do at all, it’s to focus on gaps in the understanding of traditional Christian teachings on the gospel of Salvation to rubbish everything else about personal salvation. Satan must be laughing at those who claim to belong to Christ as they bicker with strident voices of self righteousness!

If we all humble ourselves and allow the Word of God the final authority over our lives, theologies and practices, all the divisions will disappear. This working definition postulates as follows:

1. Jesus is the one who mandates the Great Commission. His capacity to give the mandate flows directly from *the fact that He successfully completed the redemption mission by His unique, sinless life and role as teacher of the gospel of the Kingdom. John 14: 30 * His passion and death as an appropriate sacrifice for the redemption of all who believe on Him John 1: 29; John 19: 30. *the fact that He rose again as proof that the Father received His shed blood as sufficient to atone for the original sin of Adam 1 Corinthians 15: 12 – 23; Hebrews 9: 1-28; *His Ascension to heaven to sit at the place of glory and honour until the day He returns Acts 1: 9-11 Hebrews 10: 11- 18

2. The Great Commission is a mandate. It is not a suggestion. It is not something any true saint can opt out of or be excused from. It is a mandate which is tied to the very reason why we were saved in the first place and translated from the kingdom of darkness to the Kingdom of God and left here on planet earth. In Christ, God poured out His love in order that we will be saved and translated into His Kingdom. John 3: 16; Colossians 1: 12 – 14, 21-23. In the economy of God, the love He poured out to us embraces and grips up to be channels through whom that same love is transmitted and expressed to those who are yet in darkness. 2 Corinthians 5: 15 – 21. We are saved to serve God and be instruments of saving as many as can receive Him and become citizens of His Kingdom too.

3. The Great Commission is a Mandate to the Whole Church. The Church is the Body of Christ – the totality of all who have put their faith for salvation from Satan and sin in the atoning work of Jesus Christ at the Cross. The Church is beyond human comprehension and can only be received by revelation and by acceptance of the testimony of the Word of the Lord. The Great Commission is for every single person within the fullness of the Body of Christ to execute. It is not just for healing evangelists; it is not just for “evangelicals” neither is it an exclusive preserve of a select few. All saints are called to identify their appointed places in the Great Commission and fulfil it! The corporality of The Great Commission is defined in Mark 16:15-18

4. The Great Commission mandates us to preach the full gospel of the Kingdom of God Matthew 24:14. This message is the awesome opportunity for lost humanity to reconnect back to God through the blood that Jesus Christ shed and be translated from the Kingdom of Satan to the Kingdom of God. It is a message that provides solutions to the present needs of mortal man so that he/she can find and live out the present phase of an eternal life; a message which gives meaning to life as it switches from blind loyalty to self and Satan and makes pursuit of God and His Kingdom a priority Matthew 6:19-34. This takes away pressure arising from the rat race to “succeed” and releases righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit Romans 14:17-19. It is also a message of hope that answers the question of the ages concerning what next after this life as we receive assurance of the roles we will play when Jesus returns physically to rule and reign as King of Kings and Lord of Lords. Whoever will leave off this holistic package to preach only about salvation from sin is not doing well and will only produce babes who are ever consumers of the grace of God, unable to mature as sons in the Kingdom of God!

5. The Great Commission mandates us to make disciples of all nations! Matthew 28:18-20. Two aspects of this discipleship deserve further examination: * We are not just to help people to be saved. That they should be disciples of Christ is not an option. It is the focal point of our work. Our aim is not to fill decision cards or have people pray sinners’ prayer with cameras rolling. That is but the beginning of a process. The Lord wants those who believe in Him to be nurtured to become saints who take responsibility for furthering the cause of the Kingdom. Again, we are to locate our own part in this holistic process and play it well.
 * Ultimately we must rise in the dimension of the Spirit to subdue all opposition to ensure that whole nations and people groups are discipled! As God provides opportunity in response to our right understanding and earnest prayers, we can be given on behalf of Christ, the nations for an inheritance. That way, the ethics of the Kingdom can be brought to bear on such peoples and nations and they can enjoy the righteousness, peace, joy and prosperity of those whose God is the Lord. God will also raise up many of His saints to prominence at various levels of society so that they can exert Kingdom influence on their peers, systems and generation. It needs to be explained however that the majority of humans will reject the ways of God and will suffer the consequence of such rejection. A day is coming however when the kingdoms of this world will become the Kingdom of Christ! Revelations 11:15

6. Jesus will return to rule and reign on earth! Matthew 24: 36,44; Matthew 28:20;

Acts 1: 8-11. The mandate given to the Church is time bound. God has appointed a date and time which no man knows when Christ will return to subdue all rebellion and establish the full phase of the Kingdom. The period between the day Christ ascended to heaven and poured out the Holy Spirit till when He will return in Majesty and Power to rule and reign from Jerusalem is called the Church age of the Kingdom of God. The dominant instrument on earth through which God manifests Himself and reveals Christ is the Church. The Church is not the building but the people of God who are called out of this world system and its evil ruler, Satan. Any preaching that does not announce His return is incomplete and potentially open to Satanic manipulation! Matthew 24: 1- 51

Selected critical readings for this course: Matthew 28: 18 – 20; Mark 16: 15 – 18; Luke 24: 36 – 53; John 19:30; John 20: 19 – 23; Acts 1: 1 -11; Please read also these parables and illustrations: Luke 19:11 – 17; Further readings include: Luke 14: 15 – 35; Luke 15: 1 – 32; Luke 16: 19 -31; Luke 17: 20 – 37

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Lesson #2

The Five Components of the Great Commission

Our first lesson established a definition of The Great Commission as “the mandate Jesus Christ gave to the whole Church to preach the full gospel of the Kingdom of God to the whole world and make disciples of all nations as a prelude to His return to rule and reign on planet earth.” We will now build on that foundation by articulating, as the Holy Spirit leads, all the components which combine to make the Great Commission a divine mandate that can be achieved if we have the heart to obey, right attitude and willingness to spend and be spent in loving service to He who gave all to redeem us.

There are 5 critical components which make the Great Commission complete and effective. Right Understanding of these components is essential. We need to have a proper understanding of responsibilities of the redeemed and The Church in reconciling the lost to God. It is imperative that saints understand what the Great Commission is and our responsibilities. This will take away all misinformation, confusion and assumptions which only serve to becloud the main issues!

1. Go Ye – A posture of going forth by all of the Church to all of the host community, nation, region and nations of the world is necessary for fulfilment of the Great Commission. The Lord wants His Church to be a “go forth” organism”. The first Church at Jerusalem forgot the Great Commission, settled down in the city and relapsed into maintenance of welfare and related distractions from the main thing. Backsliding as in the case of Ananias and Sapphira (Acts 5: 1-11); Bickering over food rations (Acts 6: 1- 4) resulted. The Lord had to use the fire of persecution to scatter them. In the process, Phillip who was only good enough to serve tables in Jerusalem was forced to enter Samaria and God used him to turn the city upside down (Acts 8: 1- 8).

When the Apostles handed over administrative duties to deacons, the Great Commission revived Acts 6: 1-7. There is need today for Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Pastors and Teachers in the Kingdom to hand over administrative, financial and other support tasks of congregations to those gifted in Helps and concentrate on the main assignments of Prayer, Ministering the Word to equip saints for the work of ministry.

We need to prepare saints who will go for the Lord. For this to happen, leaders need to get off their easy chairs and comfort zones and begin to model right Kingdom attitudes, especially in the area of going forth from their localities to their cities, nations and uttermost parts of the world for missionary work. If leaders begin to live out missionary mindedness, the saints will follow. In the same vein, Apostles and Prophets anointed with wisdom, grace and capacity to break the ground in the Market Place and divide an inheritance for saints must shake of religiosity and engage therein. There is nothing secular about the market place! It is, as a matter of fact, the greatest frontier in the Great Commission!

2. Preaching of the simple gospel of the Kingdom so that those who hear will have a fair chance to respond as they are persuaded. Those who receive Jesus in the process are translated from darkness to light and from the kingdom of Satan to the Kingdom of God. Every saint should be able to preach the simple gospel of the Kingdom of God. By studying the word, being open to the Holy Spirit and receiving instructions such as the one God is offering freely here in Global School of Ministry, all saints can be equipped to proclaim the truth. We are not commanded to force people to accept Jesus neither are we to go out of a guilt complex or in strife to increase our congregations and earn bigger revenue through tithes and offerings. A better basis of preaching is out of love for God and fellow humans.

Our job is to proclaim the truth and not to “win souls”. Those who hear us have a fundamental right to accept or reject the message. The gospel we preach is true and liberating. If they reject it however, they will answer to God for their decisions on the last day. Matthew 10: 1 – 42.

3. Planting of smaller Fellowships/Congregations to disciple Saints. We need to break off the mentality of the Church as the building which is ornately furnished! The Church is the people. The people of God can meet any where available. It could be in the living room of a brother or sister; in a shop; in a basement; on a trailer, boat or a community centre or even in the park in the spring, summer and autumn! Where we meet is not the issue. The key thing is to congregate at a venue most convenient for the saints whether as home/cell fellowships or as local congregations.

For those in persecuted regions such as China, North Korea and Islamic nations, there is no option than to catch this revelation so that the purpose of God is fostered even behind closed doors! Pastors must begin to look at maps of their cities, determine where saints come from and plant local centres for fellowship or allow home cell fellowships to emerge. That way, the danger of saints being lost in the crowd will be negated as accountability and transparency takes place where saints know each other very well.

Saints can then congregate together once a week, in a fortnight or monthly in the central fellowship to enjoy deeper insight and greater impartation as well as network effectively as products of the same vision. The regularity of converging together is the prerogative of the visionary as led by the Holy Spirit.

4. Ensure that Saints are transitioned through divinely appointed methods and processes to become disciples of Christ who He lives through to manifest His Personality, Nature, Presence and Power. A church building acquires significance only as it serves as an equipping centre! What we do in our congregations – small, mid-sized or big - is to be taught to observe all things that Jesus did and taught. Here, there is a systematic presentation of the whole truth of the Word of God to those who repent of their sins and accept Jesus as Saviour.

Discipleship enables saints to make the critical heart decision to go a step further to enthrone Jesus Christ as their Lord. By Lord we mean the King who rules and reigns in their heart and whose Word is a Law unto them. They thus lose their identity in Him and become mere vessels through which He manifests His will, Presence and Power. Disciples are secure citizens of the Kingdom of God where their primary loyalty lies. They dare not do anything on their own except what they hear from the Lord who leads them in all things by the Holy Spirit that resides in them.

Disciples understand that in a real sense, they are the Church, as dwelling places of the Most High who by His Spirit has full residency there. Disciples also know that they have no option than to love the brethren, live in unity with others and not forsake the assembling together of the saints. Fellowship to them is not an option but the avenue through which the evident Presence and Power of God is aggregated for greater manifestation than if they lived and acted alone. 1 Corinthians 6:19, 20; John 13:34,35; John 17: 1-26; Ephesians 4: 1-7; Hebrews 10: 24,25.

5. All Disciples are to be Trained, Equipped, Activated and Released to continue this cycle (that is 1-4 above) within their spheres of influence according to the Grace, Calling and Gifts of the

Holy Spirit at work in them. This calls for a paradigm of empowerment of ALL saints who are part of any true Christian Ministry. Only leaders who are loyal to Christ and secure in themselves get to obey the explicit command of scripture which captures the essence of true Kingdom leadership.

Ephesians 4:11-16

11And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;

12For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:

13Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:

14That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;

15But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ:

16From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.

Majority of ministers prefer to give milk to saints so that they get accustomed to their voices and ideas. Some ministers dare to give meat to the saints. Very few however have discovered that empowerment does not diminish but rather enhances ministry.

Jesus Himself modelled the process described in this lesson by these steps He took people through:

1. He called people from darkness to the light in Him.
2. Jesus spent three and half years training and equipping some people to become disciples who would understand the ways of God and primacy of His Kingdom. The entire teaching ministry of Jesus essentially rested on this peg.
3. On the day of Pentecost, Jesus released the Holy Spirit to indwell the 120 saints who abode in His Truth. With the coming of The Holy Spirit, the disciples were activated and released to go and fulfil the Great Commission

Acts 1:4-8

4And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me.

5For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.

6When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel?

7And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power.

8But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

Lesson #3

10 Keys to productive evangelism

From a Jesus point of view, we are being sent into a field that is ripe for harvest! John 4:35-38. This means there are many souls God has invested much labour to prepare for salvation using various vessels and means. Many have already heard the gospel before but never quite connected and we are the appointed vessels for reaping the harvest. Some are going to be hearing about the gospel for the first time through us. Knowing this reality takes away strife, competition and unnecessary bickering concerning souls by saints in the Church of Jesus Christ. Paul the apostle was to make this same point clear to the Church at Corinth. 1 Corinthians 3:1-8

It is instructive to note that no one, no matter how 'anointed' can save any soul! No one can come to Jesus except such is drawn by the Father and convicted by the Holy Spirit! John 6:44; John 16:8-11 Our availability is for the principal reason that in the economy of God, He has ordained to use humans as the bridge to reach the unsaved. If our bridge is released, God will reach out and touch those who are to be saved.

The 10 Keys of Productive Evangelism

1. Understanding

In order to go forth productively, saints need to allow God to equip them with an understanding of the core issues. This understanding needs to be rooted in the Truth of The gospel rather than the fancies of human wisdom. Saints need to understand what the Word teaches on these issues:

- The Eternal nature of humans. It is useful to always bear in mind that human beings are not like other beings on earth! They have eternal spirits and souls housed in mortal bodies.
- Eternal State of the Lost. Those who are unsaved at death are lost forever. They will be in eternal torment, separated from God and their loved ones who are saved. Knowing this truth about your unsaved children, parents, siblings, friends and family will galvanize your prayer life; your witness to them and encourage you to invest all that is possible to help them to receive the love of God in Christ Jesus.
- Incredible Love of God. John 3:16 and Ephesians 2:1-10 describe the incredible love of God which is so much that He literally simplifies the process of salvation. He has paid all the price to receive back His prodigal children.
- The God Plan of Salvation. Saints need to know the simple and yet very effective plan of Salvation God has put in place to bring sinners into His Kingdom. The starting point of the process is so simple: Sinners are to receive the word of life in penitence and faith. As they believe in their hearts and confess with their tongues that Jesus died for them, they are saved! Romans 10:8-10.
- Your Strategic Role in the Salvation Plan. Saints need to realize that we are bridges. If we engage with the process according to the word of God, people will be saved. If we do not engage, many whose names are attached to ours may miss the Kingdom forever.

John 20: 21-23 - 21Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you.

22And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost:
23Whose soever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them; and whose soever sins ye retain, they are retained.

- Consequences of an unproductive life. Jesus desires that we be very productive as His branches. John 15:1-8, 16. We are to bear the fruit of the Spirit (righteousness) as well as the fruit of souls. The stories of the unproductive fig trees and their woeful fate illustrate the danger of not engaging with the Lord to reap the harvest of souls into the Kingdom. Luke 13:6-9; Mark 11:12-14,20-21.
- The Truth that preaching of the gospel is an integral part of the countdown to the return of Jesus. God has ordained that the gospel of the Kingdom shall be preached in all nations for a witness before Jesus returns. If we sincerely believe Jesus is returning again, our part is to preach in the now. Matthew 24:14

2. Unction of The Holy Spirit

We cannot proceed to preach on our own. Saints need to press into the fullness of the Holy Spirit so that the assignment is executed in the wisdom, guidance, leading and power of divinity. This was the original plan of Jesus when He instructed the zealous disciples to wait for the Holy Spirit in Acts 1:4-

8. It is true that there is a measure of the Holy Spirit in all saints who lived after the initial Upper Room experience. This is what is called the ‘Seal’ measure of the Holy Spirit in which He indwells every saint at the new birth. There is still room for all saints to be thirsty for more of Him and to press in by prayer and consecration to present their vessels unto God to fill up with the Holy Spirit and power. Preaching with this ‘demonstrative measure’ of the Holy Spirit makes all the difference! There is a divine halo of the presence and power of God on saints who are filled with the Holy Spirit and are full of Him! It is needful for saints in all living congregations to be encouraged to press into this blessed experience which opens possibilities of miracles, signs and wonders to accompany believers as they preach.

3. Obedience

The Great Commission is a Commission or mandate requiring our obedience. It is not a suggestion or proposal!

4. Passion

We can proceed successfully if we are passionate about the heavenly assignment to rescue as many souls as possible while it is yet day. Like Jesus, the zeal of the House of God needs to consume us.

5. Compassion

No one can engage successfully in evangelism without compassion or empathy with the lost. Compassion borne out of unconditional love for the souls of the perishing will drive us to spare nothing including esteem, honor, comfort and indeed stake everything to spend and be spent in the mission to rescue the perishing.

Matthew 9:35-40

35And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people.

36But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd.

37Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few;

38Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest.

6. Go Ye Lifestyle

The best way to engage in evangelism is to make it a lifestyle. Whether in the Market place, our neighbourhoods, anywhere and everywhere and in any endeavour, we can position our commitment to The Kingdom of God and the Great Commission, through which it is enlarged, as a fulcrum. This will determine how we spend money, who we spend it on and to what extent we are willing to bend over backwards to be all things to all people.

7. Keep the Message Simple

To preach successfully, we need to keep the message on the love of God and His provision of Jesus as the substantive solution to the sin problem. John 3:16; Romans 10:8-10 are timeless classics in piercing through hearts. Unnecessary arguments and debates should be avoided. We should resist the temptation to preach our ministries and ministers. However, those that respond to the message should be introduced to local congregations for discipleship, teaching and fellowship.

8. Prayer & Spiritual Warfare

Many souls are bound from the gospel by Satan and his agents as 2 Corinthians 4:3-4 explain. Effective, fervent prayers are needed as we stand in the gap for them. Through spiritual warfare, saints can engage with all opposing forces and subdue their attempts to prevent those we love from believing.

9. Primacy of Friendship/Soft Evangelism

Souls within our loop: friends, family and business publics are good targets of friendship and soft messaging. Our approaches to such people are most effective when our lives are evident witnesses of that of Christ. They who knew us will admire real transformation in our lives. As we convert such social occasions as birthdays, weddings, product launch and other occasions to soul winning opportunities, we are assured of their presence if we plan with wisdom.

10. Use of Social Media

Because of the large number of souls that effectively use social media, we need to lay hold of as many strands as possible and use them to reach as many as the King will put in our path. Face book, skype, you tube and all the others can be deployed effectively to communicate the love of God on a consistent basis.

Lesson #4

Evangelism: Arrow Head of the Great Commission

Evangelism is simply the proclamation of the good news that God loves mankind so much that He has made complete provision for deliverance from Satan and sin and reconciliation back to Himself.

The Core Principle in Evangelism: Saved to serve!

The core principle is that we are saved to serve as instruments of saving other people! A ministry of reconciliation of the lost to God is automatically handed over to all who are truly saved!

2 Corinthians 5:17-21

17Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

18And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation;

19To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation.

20Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God.

21For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

It would have been more profitable for us to transit from time to eternity via death when saved. However, that would be an extremely selfish proposition as Paul the apostle postulated.

Philippians 1:22-24

22But if I live in the flesh, this is the fruit of my labour: yet what I shall choose I wot not.

23For I am in a strait betwixt two, having a desire to depart, and to be with Christ; which is far better:

24Nevertheless to abide in the flesh is more needful for you.

For this reason, God takes the greater risk of keeping those who are saved alive so that He can effectively use them to continue and finish the main mission for which Jesus came to the earth as indicated in His Mission Statement:

Luke 19:10

10For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.

It is the plan of God that we who are saved exclusively by grace through faith must give ourselves completely to the principle espoused above with the same singleness of mind that was in Jesus. Jesus was so passionate about fulfilling the commission that he barely had time to eat or drink.

John 4:31-35

31In the mean while his disciples prayed him, saying, Master, eat.

32But he said unto them, I have meat to eat that ye know not of.

33Therefore said the disciples one to another, Hath any man brought him ought to eat?

34Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work.

35Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest.

The Four Mission Fields of Total Evangelism

It is important that we execute the Great Commission with the master plan of Jesus as our guide. Jesus spelt out a clear game plan of making disciples of all nations as a prelude to return here on earth to establish the Kingdom of God. Matthew 24:14; Matthew 28:18-20; Revelation 20:1-6. In the Jesus

master plan, saints, functioning as ministries, congregations or missions agencies have four spheres of influence to systematically spread the good news as indicated in Acts 1:8:

1. Jerusalem – this is your home base. Where you live or work. Here people know you very well and you need wisdom to deal with such people so that you don't sound self-righteous, judgemental or lose the cutting edge of passion because of familiarity or fear of man.
2. Judea – This speaks of your cultural base/ethnic group/tribe or indeed where you belong in the natural order of things. This also includes your state and nation as a whole.
3. Samaria – This speaks of going beyond borders but within your geographical region. In this regard, it speaks of missions to countries and peoples within your continent: Europe; Africa; Asia; North America; South America; Oceania.
4. Uttermost parts of the world. This speaks of true cross cultural missions to other continents of the world which God will show you.

It is clearly the plan of God that you begin evangelism right where you are and take the heat of rejection by friends and family. While it may be painful, such rejections are part of the training God has appointed to prepare you for ministry and mission in other parts of the nation, continent and the world. In these days of social media, there may be a real temptation to be an 'internet tiger' with absolutely no base. The danger is that such people can be unreal and unable to relate with other human beings on a flesh and blood basis.

The Bible says those who win souls are wise.

Proverbs 11:30 The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life; and he that winneth souls is wise.

We simply cannot do the strategic work of evangelism without loads of wisdom. Wisdom is displayed when you make an honest effort by prayer and research to know your environment and the people to whom you are sent to receive specific guidance from the Holy Spirit on how best to execute the mandate of evangelism.

Prayer

The good news is that God has promised to respond positively to requests for wisdom.

James 1:5

5If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.

It is necessary to spend quality time asking God for the specific plan and pattern to take our cities, nations, regions and the world for Christ. Look at what Abba says we should do in regard of world evangelism:

Acts 2:8Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession.

Research

1. Libraries and Museums – local, city, national and specialized ones such as Library of Congress are extraordinary store houses of information. Librarians and Curators are always ready to help you locate what you need. These services are mostly free and we have no excuse for not using them.
2. Books – There are travel guides and books on cities and peoples. A genre of book you will find very useful is fact books which specialize in specific sectors. From a global perspective, the most useful ones are the CIA World Fact Book(Secular) and the Operation World(Spiritual). There are so many more.
3. Search Engines. Google is a golden mine for gathering information on virtually any subject, people group, city, nation or region. Other search engines like Bing, Yahoo are equally great.
4. Specialized websites. Wikipedia has simplified life for many with information at the click of the mouse!
5. Field trips. You can also act like the spies sent by Moses to survey where God is taking you. You can visit an area like all other tourists, prayerfully taking in the sights and patterns of life; strike conversations with newspaper and magazine sellers, operators of corner shops, restaurants and coffee

shops. As you walk around, the Lord can show you things about your city or any where He sends you that you never noticed before. With such knowledge can come one of the most critical resources for true evangelism: burden for the lost which fires up passion to do to them.

6. There are many other ways of procuring information including daily newspapers, magazines, news reports on radio, TV, online news outlets. We recommend that you subscribe to Reuters, AP, LIGNET Newsletters (Langley Intelligence Network –if you have interest in global missions). Also subscribe to the daily or weekly updates of your Parliament/Congress; President/Prime Minister and Government agencies you need information from. God will open your eyes to many more sources of information. Use them to the glory of God.

Lesson #5

Range of Tools That Can be used to reach the lost

When it comes to tools, there are no hard and fast rules. Cultures vary and what works in some parts of the world may be offensive, illegal or considered controversial in other areas. Paul was a man of like passion but he was so open to the wisdom of God that he received light on how to relate with different people in different cultures! 1 Corinthians 9:16-24 explains how this hero of faith defines his attitude to evangelism and missions.

No wonder Paul was very effective! These things have been written for our learning upon whom the end of the world has come.

Based on leading of the Holy Spirit and research, we need to determine which of these tools are acceptable in the environments where we operate.

1. Saints. We are equipment number 1 in the hands of the Holy Spirit. If we make our selves available, He will use us as bridges to reach the lost! The whole plan of salvation is hinged on availability of saints as human instruments of God!

Romans 10:12-17

14How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?

15And how shall they preach, except they be sent? As it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!

There is no equipment which can equate with saints getting physically involved in sharing their new life in Christ with family, neighbours, colleagues, friends and indeed all men from their Jerusalem to their Judea, Samaria and uttermost parts of the earth. It is strange and sad to note that Mormons and Jehovah Witnesses are beating saints in the way they are committed to peddling their dogma and religions! This ought not to be.

‘Go Ye’, not ‘Come Here’: The whole congregation should be trained to be in go forth mode! The gospel is about ‘Go Ye’, not ‘Come Here’. We need to ensure that every one is equipped with the understanding that all saints are called to be ambassadors of Christ. Saints must cultivate the holy habit of sharing their faith anywhere and everywhere – at home, in the office, in schools, at train stations, in trains, bus stations, in buses, airports, inside aircraft and in all situations in and out of season so that by every means, we may win those appointed to life!

In addition, we must also recognize that there are some saints Jesus has specifically commissioned to be evangelists. They should be spotted by the Spirit, Trained, Equipped, Activated and Released to fulfil their awesome ministry of gathering in the great harvest. Evangelists should be encouraged and provided what they need to be in the field productively. Saints with extra passion for souls should be encouraged to join them to function as Evangelism Teams of local congregations.

2. Tracts. These are called ‘silent missionaries’. Tracts are simple and direct messages of salvation printed in small sized paper for mass distribution. Many tracts are available by bulk order from mission agencies free of charge or at subsidized printing costs. Unfortunately, the messages in most tracts are outdated and unhelpful, steeped in religiosity and religious verbiage. It is therefore

recommended that you prayerfully read through tracts before you put the stamp of approval on them lest you peddle death, instead of life. Where necessary, prayerfully receive inspiration to write a simple salvation message with a suggested response slip. Encourage your fellowship to invest in production of thousands or hundreds of tracts, according to ability. Let tracts be prayed over and given to all members of the congregation for distribution everywhere they find people.

3. Prayers. Deep, heartfelt intercession and spiritual warfare are critical equipment for undertaking the Great Commission. Saints should pray for their home environments, offices as well as communities where their local congregations are located. Prayers should be made for souls to be prepared by the Holy Spirit to receive the gospel message. John 10:16 and Matthew 16:19 make excellent grounds of prayer that Jesus will bring into the Kingdom and distribute His sheep to various congregations. By spiritual warfare, we can discern and pull down all strongholds that hinder people from embracing the gospel message. Prayer walks can be organized in territories where evangelism projects will take place. Using the principle of Joshua 1:3 and Psalm 2:8 such territories can be effectively claimed for Christ even before we launch out.

4. Bibles. Bibles are extraordinary tools of evangelism. They should be handed out where need is sensed or when people give their lives to Christ. Whether whole Bibles or just New Testament texts, it represents the best way in which God can speak to both the sinner or new convert directly. Saints should be encouraged to invest in acquisition of bibles for personal distribution or to be made available for their local congregation or mission agencies that need them.

5. Social Media – Saints need to make the Great Commission the fulcrum of their social media activities. Anything short of this consecration will be harmful in the long run. Relate with strangers on social media because of Jesus and as ambassadors of Jesus. Let your communication be wholesome and healthy, able to minister grace to the readers. Be friendly, not playful. Be open, upfront about your deep relationship with God and let those who will fall away because of this do so, as early as possible or they may become snares for your soul. On social media there are two kinds of people you need most: those you are assigned to minister to and those God has assigned to minister to you. If you are intimate with the Holy Spirit, He will show you these two sets of people and you need to connect solidly with them and grow the relationships according to the mind of God. Never give room for iniquity to spring up or be cultured in the online relationship! Please resist the temptation of seeking emotional gratification from saints of the opposite gender and understand that sensitive emotional moments are best spent with God in prayer. Determine by the Spirit, which of the social media platforms God has given you greater grace to excel in and hone your communication skills there: face book, twitter, google+, skype, You Tube, MySpace, ooVoo and others. If you are not photogenic, avoid video. If your grammar is poor, know what medium to avoid.

6. Mass Media. Ministries which can afford the costs should buy air time in so called ‘secular’ television and newspapers so that they can reach the unsaved. Christian television is best for teaching and to offer exhortation to saints who need encouragement. The tendency to use so called Christian television to seek ‘sheep migration’ is a disservice to the King and His Kingdom. Saints with capacity to support those God has gifted to communicate sound gospel should do so as they are led by God. The concept of advertising normal ‘church’ services with all the cultural idiosyncrasies that offend many should be discouraged.

7. Invitation Cards. Saints should have well designed beautiful cards with which to invite friends and family as well as acquaintances to cell fellowships and congregational meetings. There should be no shame about that. The assembling of saints together releases greater dimensions of the presence and power of God which can impact new converts and sinners alike. Congregations and Fellowships should invest in producing attractive invitation cards.

8. Follow Up. As preaching of the gospel goes forth, follow up should also be factored in. Physical visits, Phone calls, Texts, face book and invitations to fellowship with other saints need to be pursued with vigour.

9. Discipleship. The first priority should be to root those who respond to the gospel message in Christ as His disciples. New believers classes should be established in local congregations to enable such saints to be fed with appropriate spiritual nutrients. They should be given opportunities to ask questions at such classes. One useful lesson they need to be established in is how to hear and obey the voice of God and how to walk in a living, loving relationship with Him.

10. Strategic Church Planting. Vital equipment in the Great Commission is planting of home cells, house fellowships or basic congregations where two or more saints are in proximity. Jesus Himself defined the basic concept of Church as 'where two or three are gathered in My name' Matthew 18:20. Such basic congregations do not need to bother about rent, music equipment or other assumed necessities. As long as there is life in the two or three gathered in His name and as long as Jesus is present by the Holy Spirit, the fellowship will grow from a Mustard seed to become a mighty oak in the area.

11. Training & Equipping. For what has been described in this course to happen, saints need to be trained to understand The Kingdom of God, what the Church is and the way The Church is supposed to run. Training will prepare saints to make the Great Commission the centre piece of their lives. Training will prepare saints to be ready to represent Jesus as His ambassadors anywhere He sends them. The Global School of Ministry has received from the Lord a simple process of training, equipping, activation and release of saints for ministry as a lifestyle. The entire curriculum and course notes are available, free of charge for ministries and congregations. The materials are been modelled in the London, England based Arise Metropolitan Assembly and lead to organic growth of saints as functional members of the Body of Christ. Please apply for free resources to be implemented in your ministry by requesting for them at ariseoffice@yahoo.co.uk

It is crucial that we have a mindset of not breaking the law. If the law prohibits use of megaphone to do 'early morning cry' in city neighbourhoods, there is no sense in insisting on preaching that way. We are not called or encouraged to start religious wars or to fight flesh and blood with humanistic wisdom. True saints do not pick fights. There is a difference between carrying the Cross of Jesus and engaging in crass foolishness. Romans 13:1-7

It is where governments or people cross the line and want us to stop worshipping the only true God or want to legislate that we condone evil or idolatry that we become conscientious objectors. In that case, God Himself will fight the battles and He has never been known to lose any war. This was the case with the early Church when they were commanded to stop preaching in the Name of Jesus. Acts 5:27-29

Lesson #6

The Salt and Light of Saints to the world.

One of the most remarkable features of the modern Church is the lukewarm attitude to The Great Commission. In many circles, the Great Commission is rarely mentioned. In its place, various types of congregations and ministries have erected their versions of The Golden Calf where their energies are directed to.

Many host communities of congregations and ministries are yet to feel the impact of the regular congregating of saints in them which is a very sad reminder of how far this generation has drifted from the essence of representing Christ and the Kingdom before the unsaved. Whether as individual saints, families or ministries and congregations, we are planted within specific communities to function as Salt and Light to them. Where our host communities are not receiving the redemptive impact of the Salt and Light we are, something terrible has gone wrong and needs to be repented of and corrected without delay.

Matthew 5:13-16

13Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men.

14Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid.

15Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house.

16Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

Salt is useless of itself! Rather, its usefulness is relative to application to substances which need to be 'salted'. Let us use the applications of salt in the natural to understand how Jesus wants to impact our host environments with His nature and redemptive mission:

1. Salt is a seasoning agent. No matter the expensive nature of condiments used to cook soup such as meat, fish and sea food, their taste will be flat. If a tincture of salt that is worth a dime is put in the said soup, the effect will be to bring out the flavour of the meat, fish or seafood. In the same way, many communities have some redemptive cultures which are lost in sin and the anti-God narrative. Engagement of saints and congregations with their host communities will bring forth the flavour of certain talents, abilities and innate ideas which God wired into them as a people. The English, for instance are a courageous and resilient people with a daring-do attitude which enables them to explore the depths of the whole world without difficulty. That is a basic gift God wired into them to enable them function as excellent missionaries. Engagement of The Church of Jesus Christ and the culture of the Kingdom of God with the natural English will therefore lead to producing the next generation of missionaries who are ready to go to the uttermost parts of the world in obedience to the Lord. It is important that we all prayerfully locate through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, the redemptive features of the cultures of the people and cities where our ministries are planted. God does not expect us to be besotted with the negative behaviour of the people. We cannot expect sinners to live right until they hear the glorious gospel which liberates them from Satan and sin. The very negative behaviours we see are supposed to generate compassion and burden in our hearts concerning them which will in turn drive us to deep intercession, spiritual warfare and above all the passion to preach, knowing that the gospel alone is the divinely appointed means of changing lives!

Romans 1:16-17

16For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

17For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.

2. Salt is a preservative. Before refrigerators were invented, one of the best ways of preserving meat and fish was to soak them with salt and let to dry in the sun. Things that were treated that way could be preserved for months and even years. In the same way, God has appointed that through preaching the gospel, individuals and communities will be preserved from destruction now and in eternity. If we refuse to go, we are effectively locking up people to eternal condemnation! Our duty is to faithfully bear witness and proclaim the liberating truth that Jesus has paid the price for their sins and they can receive eternal life, free of charge and capacity to live the righteous life in the now. The righteous life they are able to live in the now will cause evil to be subdued. There are communities in South America many years ago(such as Alomonga) where because of preaching the gospel, large proportions of the populace were saved. The bars and houses of easy virtue lost customers and closed down. Crime came down drastically to the extent that prisons had to be closed down for there were not enough law breakers to justify keeping them open! May this be the effect of the end time preaching of the gospel in various communities world-wide!

Romans 10:12-17

12For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him.

13For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

14How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?

15And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!

16But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Esaias saith, Lord, who hath believed our report?
17So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

If we go, it is possible for lives of individuals and communities to be transformed from inside out. It is possible for the culture of the Kingdom of God to quietly engage with the dead cultures of peoples of various nations and through the power of the Holy Spirit bring about transformative change, from one soul to two; from two to four; from four to eight; from eight to sixteen and so on until the new culture of Christ becomes evident. But if we do not go, people remain in their sins! We need to take seriously the solemn words which Jesus pronounced to the disciples.

John 20:21-23

21Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you.
22And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost:
23Whose soever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them; and whose soever sins ye retain, they are retained.

We need to do our part of preaching the gospel so that the Holy Spirit can use the words we speak to convict people of their sins. If we preach and they refuse to hear or respond, the same gospel of peace will be the instrument of judgement on the Last Day, taking away all excuses from them. We do not need to be overly drawn into speculations about the consequences of rejection. That is within the remit of God. Let us do our part and He will take care of the future. We know however that the gospel is a two edged sword – for mercy to those who receive and judgement for those who reject. That is why the gospel is for a witness unto all nations before the end comes!

Matthew 24:14

14And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.

3. Light brings illumination where there is darkness. This present world is under a thick cover of darkness. This gross darkness drives modern civilization as things forbidden by God are embraced in laws and customs of nations and communities. This thick pall of darkness is evident on the physical, spiritual and social planes. Consider how much blood guiltiness is upon many nations with the abortion industry running riot. Consider how the occult has penetrated various layers of authority and has many nations in its firm grip. Consider how many false religions have gained acceptance and are now ‘mainstreamed’ in many former ‘bastions’ of Christianity. In this darkness, God has planted saints and congregations who are full of His Light. The plan of God is that we do not hide the Light of Christ in us. We cannot hide under a wrong application of 2 Corinthians 6:14-18 to advocate physical separation to form cozy ‘Kingdom Communes’ where there is no temptation, trial, crises and challenges. No less an authority than Jesus Himself defined our need to engage with host communities:

John 17

6I have manifested thy name unto the men which thou gavest me out of the world: thine they were, and thou gavest them me; and they have kept thy word.

9I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me; for they are thine.

11And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee. Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we are.

14I have given them thy word; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.

15I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil.

16They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.

17Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.

18As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world.

Jesus has prayed for us and will keep us from being corrupted or polluted as long as we maintain a sharpness of understanding of who we are relative to the world around us. God did not make a mistake in keeping us alive amongst families and communities that are full of those who do not know

Him! We have been planted in our families, neighbourhoods, work places and communities to show the Light of Christ! We are called to be witnesses that salvation is real; that the Kingdom of God is a better proposition; that like us, sinners can be saved and change camps! This great Light of Christ which is firstly evident by the 'other worldly' life of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit we live. Our dogged pursuit of the Kingdom of God and its righteousness leads to a self-evident result: life in the Kingdom of God is better in the now with the added benefit of eternal life forever with God. See Romans 14:17-18 and Matthew 6:19-34.

We will never be effective for Christ but will rather waste His grace when we are only comfortable with fellow saints! Our Light is not to be hidden from those who need it most: those in darkness. Saints, this is an extremely serious matter! Have you caught the fire of passion for the work of the Lord? Have you begun to feel deep compassion for the lost in your family, neighbourhood, work place and the host community of your ministry/local congregation?

The time to do the press into fulfilment of the Mission Statement of Jesus is now:

Luke 19:10

10For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.

The questions are: If not now, then when? If not you, who will do it?

Lesson #7:

Hindrances

Hindrances to fulfilment of The Great Commission

The way Jesus announced the Great Commission and the various parables which illustrate it indicate that it is not an open ended assignment. It is one which began with an empowered Church in Acts 2:1-4 and will be consummated with the return of Jesus. A declaration of Jesus concerning the end times puts the Great Commission into the right context:

Matthew 24:14

14And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.

The parable of the noble man who went to a far country, gave his servants talents to trade with and returned to take stock directly speaks of the 'temporal' trip of Jesus to heaven where He received back the Crown of Divinity. He has left saints on earth, amongst unbelievers who reject Him to occupy or 'do business' until He returns. One day, Jesus will surely return. He will take account of how saints used their talents, opportunities to enlarge the Kingdom with souls that are saved and how they represented Him in all endeavours with their gifts and callings. Thereafter, He will rule and reign on planet earth with the faithful as Kings over the various nations as Revelation 20:1-6 indicates.

Luke 19:11-27

Why are saints not preaching the gospel of the Kingdom? What hinders them?

There are many reasons why saints are not as effective in preaching the gospel as they should. Let us examine some of the reasons:

1. Shades of dangerous doctrines.

Dangerous doctrines have plagued the Church over the years. The avalanche of doctrines of devils and humanistic doctrines in the past 30 – 70 years has produced a generation of saints who:

1.1. No longer truly believe the Bible is the inspired Word of God and has sufficient documentation of the mind of God to guide us in this present estate of life.

1.2. Who believe that the words of men of eloquent knowledge have the same or even superior standing as the Word of God?

1.3. Hold prophetic utterances from 'great men and women of God' as important as or even more important than the Bible. Consequently, saints have developed itching ears to hear the next great

prophetic release and lack the capacity to judge the words and discern if they are originating from God, Satan or the human soul.

1.4. With the situation above, many live and minister without absolutes of the Word ruling their lives. This loss of absolutes has created a new gospel of convenience in which whatever you define as good is 'good' even if the Word of God expressly calls it evil! This is the new Golden Calf of the New Plastic Cross gospel, the greatest gift of Western Civilization to the march of civilization!

2. Most Deceptive of the Dangerous Doctrines

The most deceptive of the dangerous doctrines plaguing the House of God which have direct bearing on why the Great Commission is no longer held in awe as an urgent task are these:

2.1. The doctrine which negatives the divinity of Jesus Christ. This doctrine is deceptive because those who propound it know that they will lose many followers if they came out clearly to preach this apostasy. What they do is to use various approaches to cause neophytes to lose confidence in the Christ of Scripture in favour of another Christ who is merely a Son of God as in a Prophet God sent to bring His word to people on earth. Because of their extremely sweet tongue, purveyors of this doctrine have entrapped the souls of many unwary saints and begin to feed them with words which are deemed to carry more weight than what is recorded in scripture. Many adherents of this movement struggle with reading and understanding the whole counsel of God in the Bible but have read, cover to cover, tens of books and listened to scores of CDs/DVDs of their favourite teachers. The moment you reject the divinity of Jesus or follow anyone who believes so, the Great Commission will not mean much to you. In the same vein, the moment you study the words of a man or woman who has rejected the truth of the divinity of Jesus Christ more than the bible, you will lose the quickening word that will compel you to preach the gospel.

2.2. Rejection of the Bible version of The Kingdom of God in favour of humanistic tales. The Bible teaches clearly that the Kingdom of God is received in our hearts. As we submit to the sovereign rule of Jesus in our hearts, He manifests His Presence and Power through the Holy Spirit in us. With the Holy Spirit in us, we enjoy righteousness, peace and joy as we no longer live for the present but the world to come. Romans 14:17-18; Matthew 6:19-34 are very clear on this. According to Luke 19:11-27, the redeemed of the Lord have been blessed with spiritual gifts and callings with which they are to undertake Kingdom business until Jesus returns. This Kingdom business is twofold:

- On the one hand, it consists of doing representing Jesus in all we do whether in our homes, neighbourhoods, workplaces, businesses and ministries. If we function by His anointing, gifts, talents and for His interests, we give Him great pleasure and He decorates us with great success.
- On the other hand, mindful of the fact that Jesus will return one day to stamp out rebellion, set up the physical phase of the Kingdom of God; knowing the eternal state of doom for the lost, we labour day and night, deploying our gifts, callings and all resources to preach the good news of salvation in Christ so that as many as will be saved can receive Him. 2 Corinthians 5:17-21; Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 1:8 illustrate this reality of what should be our priorities.

2.3 Another group have come up with another gospel all together and have gathered many saints to their doctrine. they claim Jesus already came back in AD 70 at the fall of Jerusalem and now lives in the heart of the redeemed. The redeemed therefore can now establish the Kingdom where they are by 'taking over' the world through prayer, spiritual warfare and Kingdom governance. Once the motivation of the return of Christ is removed from the heart and mind of a saint, preaching of the gospel becomes a secondary issue.

2.4 In the past 30 or so years, a new humanistic gospel has been spawned which effectively discounts this future phase of the Kingdom of God. Saints are no longer encouraged to labour for it; to invest in eternity but to pursue commanding heights of politics, business, entertainment, sports and other sectors of life and in so doing, they will 'take over' the world and establish the Blessed Kingdom of God. When they have presumably achieved this El Dorado, the world will effectively be under the dominion of Christ!

2.5 Within the past 40 years also another humanistic gospel has steadily been recruiting saints successfully. It is, for want of a better word, the gospel based on the New Plastic Cross, rather than the Old Rugged Cross! As you read their books and listen to their sermons, here are some of the strange fires you will notice: They believe that preaching the passion, death, burial and resurrection of Jesus is offensive to Jews, Muslims and other religions. Therefore, this seeker-sensitive model teaches that we do not make the death and resurrection a fulcrum of preaching. They advocate political correctness so that people will come and enjoy our services so much that they will come again and again and gradually be 'assimilated' into our ministries and congregations! The 'go ye' factor is thus scrapped and in its place is a 'come here' philosophy. Rather than go look for sinners to preach to, our attention and investments should be tilted towards getting better sanctuaries and planning services which attract them. This movement is now morphing into *Chrislam* whereby the Christian God and The Islamic Allah are one and the same. In this context, rather than preach, we should look for common ground with those of other faith and as we make friends, they can be attracted to participate in our services. This gospel projects that if we labour with people of other religions to solve the problems of the world – famine, stop wars and engage in humanitarian work, the world will enjoy peace and the Kingdom of God presumably established.

3. Loss of First Love for God and fellow humans

Many saints have been so distracted by the challenges and issues of life that their passion for the things of eternity has been substantially erased. The word of Jesus to the Church at Ephesus is relevant. Revelation 2:1-5 King James Version (KJV)

4. Hijack of the gospel by control freaks who are building humanistic denominations

There are ministries where control freaks have gathered saints unto themselves. These are builders of denominations which divide the House of God. To maintain this dominance over the lives of saints, they are not permitted to reach out to other saints or to the lost, lest they 'are polluted'. In a sense these modern day Jezebels are trying to become Lords over saints and push Jesus aside. When this is so, saints have no motivation to preach the gospel. The gospel is an empowering project where saints are trained, equipped, activated and released to make disciples of all men.

5. Materialism and deception of wealth and Establish Churches

God blesses His saints with all good things and those who teach otherwise, preaching poverty as virtue are promoting one of the pillars of religion. However, there is a real danger when saints are exposed to persistent preaching and teachings on material wealth and the need to get rich. This can shift their focus in life from the Kingdom to self-gratification, a direct disobedience to Jesus in Matthew 6:19-34. The warning of Paul in 1 Timothy 6:6-10 is not to be taken lightly. The way Jesus looked at a Church which boasted in its wealth. It is a message that should cause the Church in The West to turn to the Lord in repentance! Revelation 3:14-20

6. Spiritual Death

Many saints and ministries may look robust and healthy but God deems them otherwise. These are churches that use money and Hollywood style special effects to draw crowds that remain babes, needing fixes of encouragement and admonishments of good times. When Churches make their Television presence the fulcrum of corporate life, they may not have enough time and space for the Great Commission. A day is coming when God will evaluate whether our TV ministries were focussed on salvation of the lost and grounding the saved to be disciples of Christ or followers and clones of mere mortals. Revelation 3:1-3

7. Satan, working through Disobedience, Ignorance and Fear

There are many other hindrances and no single book can document them all. However, we must never for a moment forget that Satan is the Chief Hinderer of the Great Commission! He works through ignorance to make saints unaware of how critical their obedience is in the economy of God. Satan also works through projecting the spirit of fear into many saints. Fear of rejection, fear of abuse or even physical inconvenience grips others. There are others he tempts to just disobey God and 'get on with their lives'! How absurd! All saints must rise in the dimension of prayer and spiritual warfare to ensure that every kind of satanic yoke holding them down with paralysis is broken!

8. Anti-Christian Culture and Laws.

In some nations, the public space is now regulated by anti-Christian culture and laws. Some of the Laws target preaching of the gospel. What saints need to do is spend quality time with the Lord in prayer and He will reveal strategies and give wisdom with which and through which the gospel can still be preached!

What these and other errors that deviate from the Bible have done is to effectively snuff out burden for souls from saints and blunt their readiness to be used by The Lord in executing the Great Commission.

Lesson #8:

Signs, Wonders & Miracles

Role of Signs, Wonders and Miracles in the Great Commission

In discussing hindrances to fulfilling the Great Commission, we must not forget the danger posed by worldliness. When saints love the world and its amusements, their spiritual appetites for the things of God and the Kingdom are blunted.

1 John 2:15-17

15 Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

16 For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.

17 And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.

The fact that it is politically incorrect to say that those who have not received Christ are sinners, many saints have been hoodwinked to forget the truth that there are two broad races of people on earth: saints and sinners. It is for this reason that God asks His saints to come out from all unequal yokes with people and things which are not of His Kingdom so that they will not defile and destroy spirituality. 2 Corinthians 6:14-18

Avoid Yoking, Not Isolation!

It must be noted that this does in no way suggest that we should avoid sinners or keep away from them. We are not called to isolation because they are part of the reason why God keeps us alive. Without sinners, saints will have little Kingdom business to transact on this side of eternity! Contrary to the claims that we are here on earth to establish the physical dimension of the Kingdom, our major remit in the now is to be used of the Holy Spirit to prepare as many as God ordained to qualify as citizens of the Kingdom ahead of the return of Jesus. God has deliberately planted us amongst sinners so that He can use us to reach them with the good news that Jesus has paid the price for their reconciliation to Him. In effect, though we are in the world, we are not of it because we labour and prepare for the world to come! Jesus made this clear in John 17.

Divine work to be backed by Divine Evidence!

The Great Commission is a divine work, designed to be backed by divine evidence. That is why Jesus made it clear that signs and wonders will follow those who believe. As the early Church obeyed and believed, they saw physical proof of divine connection!

Mark 16:15-20

15 And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.

16 He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.

17 And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues;

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20 And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen.

Jesus who commissioned His Church to go knew that Satan and his cohorts would stand ready to hinder saints. He knew that saints would encounter sceptics who would not be moved by the preaching of the word. Jesus knew also that in the course of preaching the gospel, saints would encounter situations like diseases, demonic oppression/possession which would be beyond their natural capacity to deal with. That is why Jesus restrained the disciples from going forth to preach the gospel until they were filled with the Holy Spirit and received the power to function as instruments of divinity in the world.

Acts 1:4, 5, 8

4 And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me.

5 For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.

8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

From the day of Pentecost, the world changed forever with a new reality: that The Holy Spirit would no longer merely come upon vessels chosen for a specific purpose but would indwell them! The Temple of God had shifted from the Mount of Jerusalem into the hearts or spirit-man of saints on earth! Redeemed mankind had been inducted into a new realm of sonship by which they could do all that Jesus did in the body and even much more as He Himself prophesied:

John 14:12 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.

Earlier Jesus had given the key to the miraculous when He declared that:

1. Miracles would occur if saints preaching in His Name encounter situations requiring divine intervention. Mark 9:39; Mark 16:17; John 14:13,14; John 15:16; John 16:23,24,26. This is the reason why saints of today must recover this lost axe head: preaching in The Name of Jesus and on the basis of His true identity!
2. If saints would die to self, take up their cross and follow Him, they would be used as He was used by the Father. Matthew 16:24-26; John 12:24

True to the prophecy of Jesus, the early Church preached in no other Name than the Name of Jesus. The outcome was self-evident:

- Multitudes were saved. Acts 2:41; Acts 3:
- The sick were healed. Acts 5:12-16
- The oppressed were delivered; miraculous provisions were made
- Saints experienced the tangible Presence and Power of God so much that the fear of God became real and those who lived in sin suffered the consequences. Acts 5:1-11
- Saints did not count their lives dear. Because they set their affection on the Kingdom to come, the allowed God to use them 100 percent in the present dimension of the Kingdom.

The simple truth is that these miraculous manifestations and what is described here were not confined to the early Church. They are to be the signature tune of the Church of Jesus Christ in all ages until His return to put down all rebellion and establish the physical dimension of the Kingdom. The Kingdom of God, which in the now is in the hearts of saints is not to be in words only but demonstrated by the self-evident mighty acts of the Holy Spirit flowing through consecrated lives. It must be stated that not ALL saints will heal the sick, deliver the oppressed and call down fire from

heaven. Gifts of the Holy Spirit vary and some are more overt in manifestation than others. But acting together, we aggregate the fullness of the Presence and Power of God!

1 Corinthians 12

8For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit;

9To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit;

10To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues:

11But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will.

12For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ.

14For the body is not one member, but many.

27Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular.

28And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues.

29Are all apostles? are all prophets? are all teachers? are all workers of miracles?

30Have all the gifts of healing? do all speak with tongues? do all interpret?

Do not despair or be discouraged that you cannot heal the sick. Look for brethren God has so gifted and allow them to pray for the sick! God has designed us to be interdependent so that we will walk in unity which announces and glorifies Him. In any case, there are miracles God can use any one to work when saints step out in faith and encounter situations where manifestation of them will glorify the Lord and bring breakthrough in the gospel mission.

Lesson #9

Jesus only is the core message!

The Great Commission was given by Jesus the Christ and it is about the incredible love of God which led to His incarnation, life, passion, death and resurrection from the dead – as the only sufficient price for redemption of mankind from the yoke of Satan. By that act, Jesus took away the legal hold of Satan over man and thus recovered the Kingdom mandate God gave to mankind through Adam and Eve to be His assigns on planet earth.

Those who receive Jesus by the grace of God, in faith, receive eternal life; change of status from children of Satan to sons of God; they are transitioned from the kingdom of Satan to be citizens and ambassadors of the Kingdom of God.

John 1:12

12But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:

Ephesians 2:1-2

1And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins;

2Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:

Colossians 1:12-14

12Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light:

13Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son:

14In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins:

It is about Jesus primarily! The Kingdom of God that we are inducted into is a fruit, not a cause of our Salvation! Those who receive Jesus have the privilege of becoming the very Temple of The Living God who bought them with the price that is the Blood of Jesus Christ. 1 Corinthians 6:19-20

Those who advocate that we do not preach Jesus but preach the Kingdom are on a wrong path! They are putting the cart before the horse or worse still; they are involved, perhaps unconsciously, in offering saints a Golden Calf! There is salvation, healing and deliverance in no other name than this same Jesus!

Acts 4:12 12Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

The Grand Secret to the success of the early Church was that they kept the message simple: it was about receiving Jesus and His propitiatory work at the Cross of Calvary! Whether they were preaching, it was in His Name. Whether they were confronted with sicknesses and diseases, they dared not heal in anything else than His Name. If they were confronting demons, it was also in His Name! If they were to pray with effectiveness, it was in His Name that the Father could be validly approached!

Acts 2:38 38Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

Acts 3: 6 6Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk.

They were simply obeying the Master who made it clear that His Name would represent His being, Presence, glory and Power! It was also to be their access to the Throne of Grace to receive answers to prayer and fulfilment of whatever was needful for their assignment.

Matthew 18:20 For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.

Mark 16: 17And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues;

18They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.

John 14:12-14; John 16:23-25

John 15:16 Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you.

The reason for this simple and yet effective strategy was that Jesus was no ordinary prophet! He was the God who became man – was incarnated- so that by His death, death could be tasted for every Those who believe thereby make the transition into the Kingdom of God as sons of Abba! That Name has power of itself! Hebrews 2:10-14

Philippians 2:9-11

9Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name:

10That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth;

11And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The Grand Error: misapplication of Matthew 6:33

Some people have taken Matthew 6:33 out of context and used it to confuse saints that they should seek the Kingdom and not Jesus. How absurd! How can you seek a Kingdom outside of the King?

The Kingdom is owned by the King. When you have the King, you have His Kingdom! The Kingdom of God is received in our hearts when we forgo Satan and ourselves and give Him the right of way to exercise His Sovereign rule over our lives! If the Kingdom is in our hearts, Jesus would not ask us to seek for it as in something we have not yet received. Matthew 6:33 is part of a Kingdom mandate stretching across verses 19-34. The King was telling His citizens not to allow food and drink, what to

wear, where to live and all the normal needs of life to pre-occupy their attention. They were rather to invest His grace, gifts, callings, abilities, resources and even life itself to seek advancement of His Kingdom agenda above all else and trust Him to care for them as a benevolent King! The agenda of the Kingdom includes these core issues

- Live for the world to come when Jesus will return to set up the physical phase of the Kingdom. In other words, saints are to focus on eternal things as they face the normal choices and issues of life and respond in the context of what will please the King. 2 Corinthians 4:16-18
- To this extent, saints are required to place their standing before the King at His return as the fulcrum of their lives. Whatever we can do today which will hurt our prospects of eternal rewards starting with our future estate as those who will co-rule this earth for 1,000 years with Christ and as His priests should be deemed dung! Revelation 1:6; Revelation 5:9-10; Revelation 20:1-6. The priesthood we exercise today is but a dress rehearsal for the full estate that lies ahead when Jesus returns. Billions of souls will translate into eternity at His coming and will need the services of priests who will teach them ordinances of The Kingdom! We will also rule as Kings over specific territories and report to Jesus who will rule on a physical throne in Jerusalem for that period of time. That is why Jerusalem is the cynosure of satanic attempts to destroy and crush!
- The entire context of Matthew 6:19-34 is better appreciated when we understand Luke 19:11-27. We are to ‘occupy’ or do ‘Kingdom Business’ until Jesus returns. In other words, we must see ourselves as assigns holding brief for the King who will return at a time only the Father knows. For this reason, we are to invest all the callings, gifts and opportunities given to us by Jesus as instruments in labouring for Him. We are not to labour for food and drinks and other perishable items. Those are guaranteed the faithful! Our core labour is to be reconciliation of sinners to the Saviour so that the full measure of citizens ordained for the Kingdom of God at its future inception can come in now. 2 Corinthians 5:17-21 explains the primacy of the ministry of reconciliation for all true saints. The King may be disposed, because of His assignment on the lives of some saints, to elevate them in the financial, social, political and governmental arena. Such people must do well to note that faith worthies like Abraham, Isaac, Jacob were very wealthy and yet focussed intently on the world to come. Joseph and Daniel were lifted highly on the political and governmental arena and yet the fulcrum of their lives was the world to come. Joshua was an extraordinary General and Governmental leader; Nehemiah was an astute administrator. Esther was a favoured Queen. Deborah was a successful business woman, prophetess and leader. Yet their focus was on the world to come. Joseph of Arimathea was rich so was Barnabas but they never allowed wealth to come in the way of faithful service. Among great vessels who served Jesus and in the early Church were highly placed individuals. Because they focused rightly on eternity, they gained both worlds. In this generation, Abba will lift many saints and expects them to use their positions, wealth and influence as stewards of the King, drawing many to Him with their life and preaching as effective witness that Jesus is indeed Lord!
- May the Lord deliver His entire remnants who have taken any measure of the leaven of the pseudo-kingdom movement! May all saints learn to believe the Word and The Holy Spirit more than the sweet tongue of intellectuals who have allowed their fertile imaginations to re-write the Bible and misinterpret core scriptures to suit humanistic models of the Kingdom! May God reveal to all His saints the necessity of living for the King in the light of eternity and the certainty that He will return to take account of how we lived for Him, for self or for Satan. May none of us be ashamed at His coming! It is time to fill the earth with The Name of Jesus. When He is lifted up, He will draw all men to Himself, just as He promised!

Lesson #10

Down the wire with The Great Commission

Mark 16:15-20

15And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.

16He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.

17And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues;

18They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.

19So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God.

20And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen.

As we wind down the download from heaven on this subject matter, it is needful to realize that nothing scares Satan as to see saints individually and severally becoming effective witnesses of Jesus Christ! When saints are fervent in spirit and passionate about the King; when His Majestic Name is lifted high by our transformed, yielded lives, focus on things of eternal value and by getting involved in the Mission Statement of Jesus ‘to seek and save the lost’ as per Luke 19:10, we make Stan uncomfortable.

The reason is simple: participation in the Great Commission is the only appointed way of depopulating the mass that are hell bound and ensuring their transition into the eternal Kingdom of God. Sinners cannot come unto Jesus except the Father draws them. However, Abba has not appointed angels or any other of His vast creation to do the proclamation of the only appointed means of salvation. Abba has rather appointed to use redeemed humans – His saints – to act as the vital bridge connecting His grace to those outside His Commonwealth.

With holding our vessels because of any excuse therefore amounts to both disobedience, lack of true love for those who are lost as well as selfishness of the extreme grade. This is because The King has appointed that all who will love Him will also love both the brethren already within the fold as well as those appointed for salvation that are yet outside. Some of them are our members of our families, neighbours, colleagues, friends and those we connected with during the course of our pilgrimage on earth. Shall we withhold the lifesaving truth that Jesus is the key to a change in destination? Shall we forbear from declaring the incredible and immeasurable love of God in Christ which simplifies salvation for all who will receive this simple instruction?

Romans 10:8-10

8But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach;

9That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

10For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

For those willing to fulfil their obedience, there are some promises that are sure which we need to lay hold of and run with. Among them are these timeless guarantees of empowerment and security, if we are willing to obey and go for Him:

Joel 2:28-29

28And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions:

29And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit.

Matthew 28:18-20

18And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

19Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

20Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

The King is coming back soon! He has appointed however that before He returns, there will be a full ingathering of those who will make up His Body.

John 10:16

16And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd.

The upshot is this: we are vital instruments through which Jesus will accomplish the redemption mission. We cannot withhold our vessels from The Master as His Bridge to reach the lost and reconcile them to Himself!

2 Corinthians 5:17-21

17Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

18And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation;

19To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation.

20Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God.

21For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

There is one thing every healthy saint should do without struggle: be a witness for Jesus! Anything that hinders from witnessing is toxic and potentially fatal: whether doctrines of men or demons; love of the world; pride of life or timidity/fear. The power of the Holy Spirit is available for all who are willing to go: from their home base to their nation, region and world-wide! Let us wait on the Lord at the place of prayer and faith for a fresh infilling of the Holy Spirit with the consequent unction to be in 'Go Forth' mode, ready to fill the earth with the message of the love of God evidenced by our own transformed lives.

Acts 1:8

8But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

There is something attractive about the Kingdom focussed life. When you see a saint who has been delivered from the bondage of living to earn an income; living to meet material needs and a complete vessel in the hand of the King, the Kingdom is announced and demonstrated. It is a superior life which carries the glory of the presence and power of God.

Matthew 6:33-34

33But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

34Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.

Let us not be ashamed of Jesus: He is the centre and circumference of our lives and The Kingdom of God! When we get it right about the Great Commission, the purpose of God is accomplished without controversy:

> Preach Jesus alone and the love of God to sinners so that they will be convicted, repent and become members of the Family of God!

> Teach saints the principles and practices of the Kingdom of God so that they can be good disciples of Jesus as well as effective citizens and ambassadors of The Kingdom on this side of eternity!

> Train, Equip, Activate and Release saints into ministry as fit for purpose co-labourers with Christ both in congregations, the Market Place and Civil Society because we are a Kingdom of Priests and Kings!

Yes, God is speaking freshly today through human vessels but He cannot and will not contradict what is already written! 'Thus says' the Lord must expatiate, clarify or add value to 'It is Written' otherwise confusion will ensure! Whoever discounts the preaching of the gospel is not representing the real Jesus! Look closely, for his Gold Calf may not be far

Galatians 1:6-11

6I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel:

7Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ.

8But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed.

9As we said before, so say I now again, if any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed.

10For do I now persuade men, or God? or do I seek to please men? for if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ.

11But I certify you, brethren that the gospel which was preached of me is not after man.

The question is; have you truly matured to recognize false doctrine? Can you set aside sentiments and tell those who purvey Golden Calves to leave you alone? The question is: what hinders you as a person and your ministry from going for Christ? Your answer will have an impact on your standing with the real Jesus! He loves you! Embrace His love; be passionate about His mission and co-labour with Him, from today!

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