

Pln14 - **Good News For All Nations** -

We're **still following** - **MULTIPLY** - Our **desire** is to give you
ANOTHER Resource - to go along w/ this Book

& more **importantly** - Our **Desire** is to Give you **Better Understanding**
of **God's Single Plan of Redemption: Genesis to Revelation**

We've Followed God's Plan in the N.T. for just 4 Msg's so far

Jesus The Messiah - *The Culmination of God's Plan*

The Great Commission - *The Final Marching Orders from our Lord*

The Spirit of God - *Our ONLY Hope to Follow Jesus*

The Early Church - *How Jesus designed His Body to Look*

& that **takes us perfectly** to today - ***"Good News For All Nations"***

Now - We studied **The Great Commission** HARD just **3 WKS Ago**
But **today** The Call is to **EXPAND our VIEW** to the **Ends of the Earth**

In The **Great Commission** Msg - We talked about **Making Disciples**
AS YOU GO - **Whether** to **AFRICA** - to **WORK** - to **HOME**

AS we are **Going** - we are **called** to Be **Making Disciples**

But that **"AS you are GOING"** - Doesn't Mean **Making Disciples**
is a Secondary Purpose in our Salvation

Actually - Making Disciples **of ALL Nations** - To **the END of the Earth**
Is the **PRIMARY PURPOSE** Of the **BODY of CHRIST**

One of the greatest tragedies that occurs in the Church - So often is when a person gets SAVED - & they think - "That's It" - I'm IN - I'm Good to Go - *Now Let's see what else God can do for me*

The truth is - We have a bit of a SELF-CENTERED view of Salvation

We were told God loves US (& that's True)

We were told Jesus Died for Us - to Pay for OUR Sin, &

That He has reserved a place for US, & an inheritance for US

& often - we're told all those things BEFORE we Get Saved
& - they are ALL absolutely TRUE

But too often - We Surrender our Life to Christ - We Receive
all those Miraculous, Eternal Benefits of our Salvation

& then we go on about our business - Assuming (to a large extent)
that God is Primarily concerned about OUR well-Being

& MAYBE - it's because we've never heard the REST of the Story

Maybe we've never heard - The Greatest Blessing is to be USED
BY God - for His Grand Eternal Purpose - WHILE we're still here

Today we want to SEE MORE (Bigger Pic) - of WHY Jesus Saved us
& WHY He Made us to be a Functioning Part of His Body on Earth

Ok? - - Let's Pray

Many Christians struggle to understand *equally* BOTH;

- 1) You were Saved **Personally** - Because **God Loves You** - **AND**
- 2) You were Saved **To Be** a **Functioning Part** of the Body of Christ, to **Take Part** in **God's Plan** & **Purpose** in this world

In **Regard** to this, **Francis Chan** says in His Book - **MULTIPLY**

Francis Chan:

God worked in your individual heart to give you new life, but salvation is not about your making it to heaven as an individual. Jesus saves us as individuals to place us within a body - the church. In reality, Jesus is the Savior of the church. He died to create a people who together love and worship Him and fulfill His purposes in the world.

Jesus died to create a people who:

- TOGETHER** - **Love & Worship** him, &
- TOGETHER** - Fulfill **HIS Purposes** in the world

We looked **Last week** at The **EXAMPLE** of **HOW** the Early **Body of Christ** - **FUNCTIONED Together.**

- 1) **They** were **Devoted** to the **Apostles Teaching**
- 2) **They** were **Devoted** to **Koinonia** (Fellowship)
- 3) **They** were **Devoted** to **Communion**
- 4) **They** were **Devoted** to **Prayer**

IN ADDITION - They were UNITED

They were **RADICAL GIVERS**

They Attended **CHURCH AND HOME FELLOWSHIPS**

They had **GLAD & GENEROUS HEARTS**

BUT WHAT WAS THEIR PURPOSE ???

WHAT was **the Church Miraculously Formed** - **FOR ??**

THREE Wks ago we looked in-depth at the Great Commission

& we KNOW The Great Commission is the Answer to the question -
“What is the Purpose of the Body of Christ?” - Right??

The Body of Christ was Created;

#1) To Love & Glorify God

#2) To Make Disciples - OF ALL NATIONS

Our Focus today - is The OF ALL NATIONS - Part

The Bible Repeatedly Calls the Body of Christ

To Be Making Disciples - To The Ends Of The Earth

& Many Christians would AGREE with that Statement -

But NOT think that it's actually Addressing them - Personally

It's common for us to feel like - “Well yeah, sure, that's

SOMEBODY'S JOB, somebody has to be concerned about THAT,
But . . . It's Definitely NOT ME”

Here's the Problem . . . Consider YOUR Own Physical BODY

If your Head said to your Body - “Walk North”

& you have One Leg that says - That's fine with Me -

But I'm gonna walk SOUTH - Things aren't gonna go well

The Purpose of your Body is to carry out the instruc's of your HEAD

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When you're healthy - Your Head says “Do This”

& your Body - DOES IT

& when your Body refuses to take Direction from your Head
You can end up in a very serious & critical condition

Jesus Christ is the HEAD - WE are His BODY
Our Purpose is to carry out HIS Instruction & HIS Direction

& the Instruction & Direction of the Head - is for the Body
To Go into ALL the World - to Seek & Save the Lost

To GO & Make Disciples of ALL NATIONS

To Take the GOOD NEWS of Jesus to the Ends of the Earth

To be CONSUMED with The Purpose of the HEAD
which is the SALVATION of the LOST

Can we Really Say:

YES, we ARE part of the Body of Christ - But

NO - We are NOT CALLED to be part of taking the Gospel
to The Ends Of The Earth ?

FIRST - We have to get it clear in our Minds

WHAT Instruction The HEAD has Given The BODY

Jesus is the HEAD - & His PURPOSE

Must SET the DIRECTION of His BODY

JUST LIKE YOUR Head

Must SET the DIRECTION of Your BODY

& The HEAD of the Body of Christ - has only One PLAN
One PURPOSE - From Genesis to Revelation

FIVE TIMES in **Genesis** - God Made a **UNILATERAL PROMISE**
to Abraham - **Gen 12:3, 18:18, 22:18, 26:4, 28:14**

FIVE TIMES God Promised Abraham -
“In You ALL the NATIONS of the EARTH will be Blessed”

In Isaiah 49:6 God says (ESV)
6 . . . I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.”

God’s Clear SINGLE PURPOSE - That His **Salvation** would reach
the **Ends of the Earth** - Is **Consistent ALL** thru the Bible

From **GENESIS** - Thru **ISAIAH** (& every other O.T. Book) -
Into the **GOSPELS** - & Especially into **ACTS** & Beyond to **REV**

In **Acts** - Paul & Barnabas **Quoted** this **Same Vs** from **Isaiah**

Acts 13:47 (ESV)
47 For so the Lord has commanded us, saying, “ ‘I have made you a light for the Gentiles (Lit - Nations), that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth.’ ”

& **THAT** is **exactly** what **ACTS** - & the **Rest** of the **N.T.** - is **All ABOUT**

It’s about **the CHURCH** - **Bringing** God’s **Plan of Salvation**
To the **ENDS of the EARTH**

That was **the PURPOSE** of the Church The **Very DAY** God Created it
& **THAT** is the **PURPOSE** of the Church **TODAY!!**

& **Since** there was **NO CHANCE** of us ever **doing that** on **our own**
Jesus Promises us in **ACTS 1:8** → → →

Acts 1:8 (ESV)

8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.

It's **that Phrase** - **to the end of the earth**
that we **really want** to "**Wrestle With**" today

The **VERY CLEAR Instruction** & **Direction** of the Body's **HEAD** is
Take the Gospel Message ***TO THE END OF THE EARTH***

Jesus Died for you **PERSONALLY** - He **SAVED** you **PERSONALLY**

The **Benefits** & **Blessings** of your **Salvation** in Christ are
Indescribable - & **Eternal** - & **PERSONAL**

But HIS Plan & **HIS Purpose** - is for **you**
to be a **Functioning Part** of **HIS** Body

& a **Functioning Part** of His Body **MEANS** - You **TAKE PART**
in **Carrying Out** the **Instructions** & **Direction** of **the Head**

That's **TRUE** in your **Physical Body** - & **TRUE** in the Body of Christ

Let's be **reminded** of **HOW TRUE** this is - **Turn to 1Cor 12**

I'm **going** to **skim thru** the "**One Body**" Section - **Vs's 12-31**
& you can **study** the **entire Section** at home, ok?

1 Corinthians 12:12-27 (ESV)

12 For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. (we, all together, make up One Body)

...

14 For the body does not consist of one member but of many.

...

18 But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. (He placed where HE wanted)

19 If all were a single member, where would the body be?

20 As it is, there are many parts, yet one body.

21 The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you."

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26 If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together.

27 Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.

WE are the Body - & Jesus Christ is Our HEAD

**& The HEAD - Has given The Body Instruction - GO
Make Disciples - of ALL Nations - to the End of the Earth**

That is the instruction from the Head
to EVERY Functioning Part of the Body - *Every Member*

So - HOW do we EACH do that - How can WE be a Functioning Part
of the Body - Whose HEAD has sent the Instruction . . . →

Take the Gospel to the Ends of the Earth -
& Make Disciples of ALL Nations . . . (How do we become PART)

Well - FIRST - We Must ACCEPT the Instruction- Personally

We must RECEIVE the Direction from the HEAD - Personally

We must Make The Great Commission JUST AS Personal
as we made our Salvation

We **Must ACCEPT** that this **Direction** from the **HEAD** of the **BODY** **INCLUDES US** - **Personally!**

& **THEN** - We can **begin** to **Search** - **HOW** God has **Made us** to **FIT together** in the Body - To **Accomplish** His **Purpose**

Fortunately - in our **Physical Body** - **Every Part** Generally **KNOWS** what it's **ROLE is** - What it's **supposed** to be **doing**

In the **Body of Christ** - **Not So Much**

& **HERE** is **HOW** we **DO it** - **Pls Listen Carefully**

We must **seek to KNOW JESUS** - **Better & Better** - **FIRST** & **Foremost Developing** our **RELATIONSHIP** with Him

& - **AS** we **PRESENT** our **Lives** to God - as **ROM 12:1** says
AS we're **TRANSFORMED** by the **Renewing** of our Mind - **ROM 12:2**
THEN - we will be able to **DISCERN God's** Will - **ROM 12:2**

Let's just **TURN over** to **ROM 12**

Romans 12:1 (ESV)

1 I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

THAT'S STEP 1 - **THAT** is actually **HOW** we begin to **KNOW** **WHAT** our **ROLE** is - in God's Plan

Romans 12:2 (ESV)

2 Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind (That's Step 2), (& then) that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Listen - Pls **DON'T go buy** a Plane **Ticket** to **Zimbabwe** Tonight

FIRST - Learn to **Present** your **Entire Life** as a **Living Sacrifice** to God

THEN - Be **Transformed** by the **Renewal** of Your Mind

THEN - You'll **know** Where God has **MADE YOU** to **FIT**

Really, Honestly, Truly - The **#1 Most Important step** to

Knowing What **ROLE** God has **Made you** for in His **Body** . . .

Is to KNOW HIM !!

KNOW HIM First - & **THEN** You'll **KNOW** what He's **MADE** you to be

& If we'll just **KEEP READING** in **Rom 12** -There are **Wonderful Vs's**

Romans 12:3–8 (ESV)

3 For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. (God assigns, God decides, He's the Head)

4 For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function,

5 so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. (Same as 1Cor 12)

6 Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them (There's the KEY - Let us USE THEM): ***if prophecy, in proportion to our faith;***

**7 if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching;
8 the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who
contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one
who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.**

**Listen to me Pls - There is ONE HEAD - Christ
There is ONE Body - The Church**

The HEAD has given the BODY a SINGLE Command
Make Disciples - of ALL Nations - To the Ends of the Earth

& the Body must MOVE in UNISON
to Accomplish the Command given by the HEAD

That is the ONLY way a HEALTHY Body Functions
HEAD sends a COMMAND
BODY Responds IN UNISON to accomplish the Command

That's the way a Physical Body is Designed to Function
That's the way the Body of Christ is Designed to Function

Do we ALL have to go - Physically - NO
Do we ALL have to Do Something - YES

WHAT is Your Part??

SOME of you - PRAY
SOME of you - SEND
SOME of you - SUPPORT
SOME of you - EXHORT
SOME of you - LEAD

SOME of you - GO
SOME of you - EQUIP
SOME of you - SERVE
SOME of you - GIVE
SOME of you - LOVE

BUT - We've got to LIFT our EYES UP

We've **GOT** to **LOOK** toward **ALL** the **Nations Of The World**

We've **GOT** to **LOOK** toward the **ENDS of THE EARTH**

I **know** I said **before** - We've got to **MAKE** Disciples **WHERE We're AT**

But **to Really RESPOND** to the **Command** of the **HEAD** -

To **Really BE a PART** of the **HEALTHY BODY** of Christ

We have **GOT** to **LOOK to ALL the Nations of the world**

We have **GOT** to **LOOK to The Ends of the Earth**

Allow me to just **REVIEW** How **I see US** - **Here** in Nuevo **Being Part**
of this **ALL Nations**, & To the **Ends of the Earth** Command

1st) Over the **Years** we have done a **TON of Work** - & **Invested**
a **TON of MONEY** - in **Making Disciples** in **San Vicente Mexico**

MANY of you have **Gone**, **Worked**, **GIVEN**, **Supported**, **Prayed For**,
Prepared For, **Encouraged**, **Exhorted**, **Lead**, & **Loved**

& **God** has **used** this **Body** in **Mexico** - to **do great Work**

NEXT - In just a **Quick Calculation** - I know We've **invested**
around **\$100,000** in **Making Disciples** in **Africa**

We've **Gone**, We've **Sent**, We've **Supported**, We've **Prayed**,
We've **Trained**, We've **Encouraged**

& for the **past 8-9 mo's** - We've **actually** been **working on** a
New Phase of our **Involvement** in **Making Disciples** in **Africa**

& **Finally** - We have **sent out** & **given** away Well Over **400,000 Bible** teaching **Messages** on **CD**

With **almost every one** of those **messages ending** with an **invitation** to **Receive Christ**

Honestly - **MOST** of our **people** here - Don't **really understand** how much **Real**, Measurable **FRUIT God** is **bringing thru** Word-By-Mail **Not to mention** the **IMPACT** we **Can't Measure**

In your **bulletin today** is this **month's Word-By-Mail** Newsletter

& it **explains** how **this year alone 2013** - **Over 50,000 Bible Msgs** will **go out** from this **little church**

Due to the **Astounding Growth** of the Word-By-Mail **PHONE APP**

& **Since** we **began W-B-M** - there have always **been CRITICS**

saying - **WHY** Should we be **sending teaching** all over the **World** - **WHY** don't we **spend** all that **time & effort** right **here** in Nuevo

My answer is - **WE DO** Spend all that **Time** & **Effort** **HERE** in **Nuevo**

Some in the Body Minister Here in **Nuevo**

Some in the Body Minister in **Mexico**

Some in the Body Minister in **Africa**

Some in the Body Minister to the **Ends of the Earth** with W-B-M

Hey - **Wait a Minute** - **That's EXACTLY** What the **Body** would **LOOK LIKE** when it's **Functioning Well**

We will be His Witnesses - in our Jerusalem (Nuevo)

In our **Judea & Samaria** - (Mexico) &

To the **Ends of the Earth** (Africa & WBM)

THAT is what **Jesus** said would **Happen** in **Acts 1:8**

& I **Promise you** - **That** is What is **Happening** **HERE**

The **Question** is - **HOW** Can **YOU** be a **PART** ?

How can you **Function** in Your **ROLE** in the **Body** ?

The **SKY** is the **Limit** - There is **NO Pigeon Hole**

My **PURPOSE** today - is to **Encourage you** to

THINK About it - **WRESTLE** with it . . .

FIRST - KNOW Jesus *Better & Better*

& **BE TRANSFORMED** *More & More*

Until you say - **Hey** - I'm an **Active, Functioning, Fruitful Part**

Of the **Body of Christ**

& **My Eyes**, & **My Heart**, Are **SET** - On **Sharing the Gospel**

& **Making Disciples** - Right **Next Door** - & to the **Ends of the Earth**

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**We have been Redeemed to be PART of God's PLAN
to Save those who are Lost - Next Door, & Around the World**

***For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that
whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life
(John 3:16)***

**God So Loved the World
That He Provided the Only Way of Salvation**

**& then He created US - AS His BODY
To TAKE that Message - to the Ends of the Earth**

THAT is God's PLAN - for US as the Church

**Let's have the Courage - to ASK Ourselves
IF we are Functioning as PART of that Plan**

**& IF NOT - HOW can we be Transformed enough
So that we CAN BE**

Let's Pray