

Today we find ourselves outside of the “four walls” of the church, per se; intentionally... but we only do this once a year. Why is that? Similarly, many of the churches we knew and were even a part of in Southern California along the coast, would have “church on the beach,” but only once a year.

Now, we were a part of a few churches that had more intentional outreaches in the local community, but by and large, most churches are still operating under an old mindset, that says, “Open your church doors and hope that the people find you, come to you... hope that they show up on a Sunday morning.”

But is that what we see in the Early Church? Before I get to far into our commission to ‘go’...

And we should all know about what is called the Great Commission, given to the first disciples/apostles to “Go into all the world and make disciples...” but what we may not realize is that there has always been a commission to God’s people: the 12 Tribes of Israel were to be a “light to the Nations” (Isaiah 49:6). God’s people were to always be set apart, and to be a witness to the rest of the world.

What is the Great Commission? (v. 19 AND v. 20)

Preach the Gospel (Not being ashamed of the Power of God... salvation / Romans 1:16)

Being a witness (Acts 2)

“Now after this the Lord appointed ^[a]seventy others, and sent them in pairs ahead of Him to every city and place where He Himself was going to come. ² And He was saying to them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore beseech the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest. ³ Go; behold, I send you out as lambs in the midst of wolves. ⁴ Carry no money belt, no ^[b]bag, no shoes; and greet no one on the way. ⁵ Whatever house you enter, first say, ‘Peace be to this house.’ ⁶ If a ^[c]man of peace is there, your peace will rest on him; but if not, it will return to you. ⁷ Stay in ^[d]that house, eating and drinking ^[e]what they give you; for the laborer is worthy of his wages. Do not keep moving from house to house. ⁸ Whatever city you enter and they receive you, eat what is set before you; ⁹ and heal those in it who are sick, and say to them, ‘The kingdom of God has come near to you.’ ¹⁰ But whatever city you enter and they do not receive you, go out into its streets and say, ¹¹ ‘Even the dust of your city which clings to our feet we wipe off in protest against you; yet ^[f]be sure of this, that the kingdom of God has come near.’ ¹² I say to you, it will be more tolerable in that day for Sodom than for that city.

¹³ *“Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the ^[g]miracles had been performed in Tyre and Sidon which occurred in you, they would have repented long ago, sitting*

in ^[b]sackcloth and ashes. ¹⁴ But it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon in the judgment than for you. ¹⁵ And you, Capernaum, will not be exalted to heaven, will you? You will be brought down to Hades!

¹⁶ "The one who listens to you listens to Me, and the one who rejects you rejects Me; and he who rejects Me rejects the One who sent Me."

¹⁷ The ^[l]seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name." ¹⁸ And He said to them, "I was watching Satan fall from heaven like lightning. ¹⁹ Behold, I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing will injure you. ²⁰ Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are recorded in heaven."

²¹ At that very ^[l]time He rejoiced greatly in the Holy Spirit, and said, "I ^[k]praise You, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from the wise and intelligent and have revealed them to infants. Yes, Father, for this way was well-pleasing in Your sight. ²² All things have been handed over to Me by My Father, and no one knows who the Son is except the Father, and who the Father is except the Son, and anyone to whom the Son wills to reveal Him."

²³ Turning to the disciples, He said privately, "Blessed are the eyes which see the things you see, ²⁴ for I say to you, that many prophets and kings wished to see the things which you see, and did not see them, and to hear the things which you hear, and did not hear them."

Ekballo: forcibly sent out

Make Him known, make Him famous

Here am I, send me (Isaiah 6)