



Current State of Kingdom Advance

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(Gen. 12:2-3, Matt. 24:14, Romans 10:9-10, Rev. 7:9-10)

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We must _____ ourselves in the story of redemption.

- **God's people are intended to reflect God's glory to _____.**
 - In the Old Testament, God's purpose for the people of Israel was to be a _____ to all nations.
 - In the New Testament the Kingdom of God was _____ with the coming of a Jewish Messiah for all nations.
 - Christ the King has _____ his Church to make disciples of all nations.
 - The authority of Christ is entrusted to us. (Matt. 28:19-20)
 - The guidance of the Holy Spirit empowers us. (Acts 1:6-8)
 - The guaranteed accomplishment of this mission by the Father is ensured. (Rev. 5:9-10)
 - Christ the King will return and rule His Kingdom forever.
- **God's people today live "in between the times" for a specific _____.**
 - We are empowered _____ of Kingdom advance.
 - World impacting _____.
 - Acts 4:12-13
 - _____ churches.
 - Acts 13:2-3
- **We are a part of the _____ advance of the gospel to all nations**
 - The Greek term is "Panta ta ethne".
 - Matthew 24:14
 - A _____ is an ethno-linguistic group with a shared identity based on language or ethnicity. It is the largest group within which the Gospel can spread without significant barriers to understanding.
 - Over 11,000 people groups out of 7 Billion people.
 - See the ethno-graphic advance of the gospel in the book of Acts.
 - Jews from every nation.
 - Samaritans
 - Jewish proselytizes like the Ethiopian eunuch.
 - God-fearing Gentiles like Cornelius
 - Gentiles from every nation. (Rome, Spain, etc.)

We must _____ at the world through the lens of our mission. We must _____ the current state of the lost, the poor, and the church.

- **What is the state of the lost today?**

- The global reality of the lost and _____
 - The difference between the lost and the unreached is _____ to the gospel.
 - An **unreached people group** (UPG) has no _____ community of believing Christians able to engage their own people group in church planting. Usually a people group is considered unreached when they are less than two percent evangelical Christian.
 - Over 6,000 unreached people groups = billions of people.
 - Gujarati peoples of India.
 - An _____ **unreached people group** (UUPG) is not only unreached but there is no active church planting work among that people.
 - Just under _____ unengaged unreached people groups with more than 208 million people.

- **What is the state of the poor today?**

- **People made in the image of God.**
- People without enough food to eat.
 - 1 out of 8 people are chronically undernourished.
- People without clean water.
 - _____ people do not have a source of safe drinking water.
- Poverty has a devastating impact on children.
 - Every day 1,800 children die from water, sanitation and hygiene issues.
 - Over 143 million children in orphanages, foster homes or on the street.

- **What is the state of the Church today?**

- The global reality of cultural Christianity.
 - Over _____ people claim to be Christians, including over 1 Billion Roman Catholic Christians.
 - The USA, Brazil, China, and Mexico have the largest Christian populations.
- The global reality of evangelical Christianity.
 - There are an estimated _____ self-identified evangelical Christians.
 - Spiritual poverty in evangelical Christianity today.
 - Traditionalism or prosperity “gospel”.
- The global reality of persecution
 - An estimated 200 million of our _____ in over 50 countries face regular persecution for following Jesus Christ.
 - The World Watch List.
 - Persecution takes many forms: family rejection, social pressure, community hostility, government suppression, and martyrdom.
 - The goal of persecution is to silence witness.
- The global reality of a growing _____ church.
 - Many countries that received missionaries are now _____ missionaries.

- Brazil, South Korea, etc.
- In the midst of these global realities God is at work. We must live for the sake of the lost, for the sake of the poor, for the sake of the Church, and ultimately for the sake of _____.

We must _____ the blessing of God on us with His purpose for us.

- Our tendency, as God's people, is to disconnect His blessing from His purpose.
 - Adam and Eve
 - The people of Israel
 - The post-apostolic church
 - The church today
 - Psalm 46:10
 - Romans 10:13-15 "For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent?"
- Our purpose is to _____ God's grace to all nations so that they may all join their voices to declare their praise to the Lamb.

We must live _____ that God will accomplish this mission.

- We live confident in the reality that God will build His church, God will accomplish His mission, and God will _____ for His bride.
- Rev. 7:9-10 "After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne and to the Lamb!"