

The English Word “Church”

Greek: Kuriakon	Greek: Ekklesia
“belonging to the Lord”	“called out ones”
Earliest appearance: c. 300 A.D.	Earliest appearance: BIBLICAL word
Does NOT appear in the Bible	Appears in the Bible
Scottish: Kirk	Spanish: Iglesia
Dutch: Kerk	French: Eglise
German: Kirche	Portuguese: Igreja
English: Church	English: Church

The Communion of the Saints

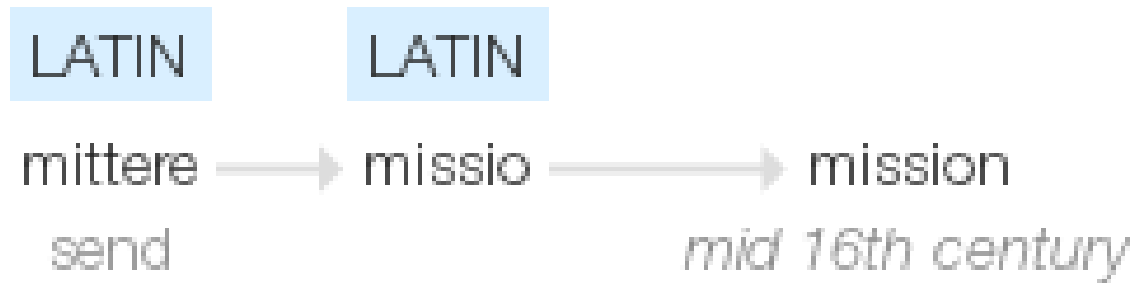
Part 2:

The Mission of the Church



Introductory Questions

- What is Mission?
 - The word “Mission” does not appear in the Bible
 - Latin “Mittere” translates Greek “apostello” to send

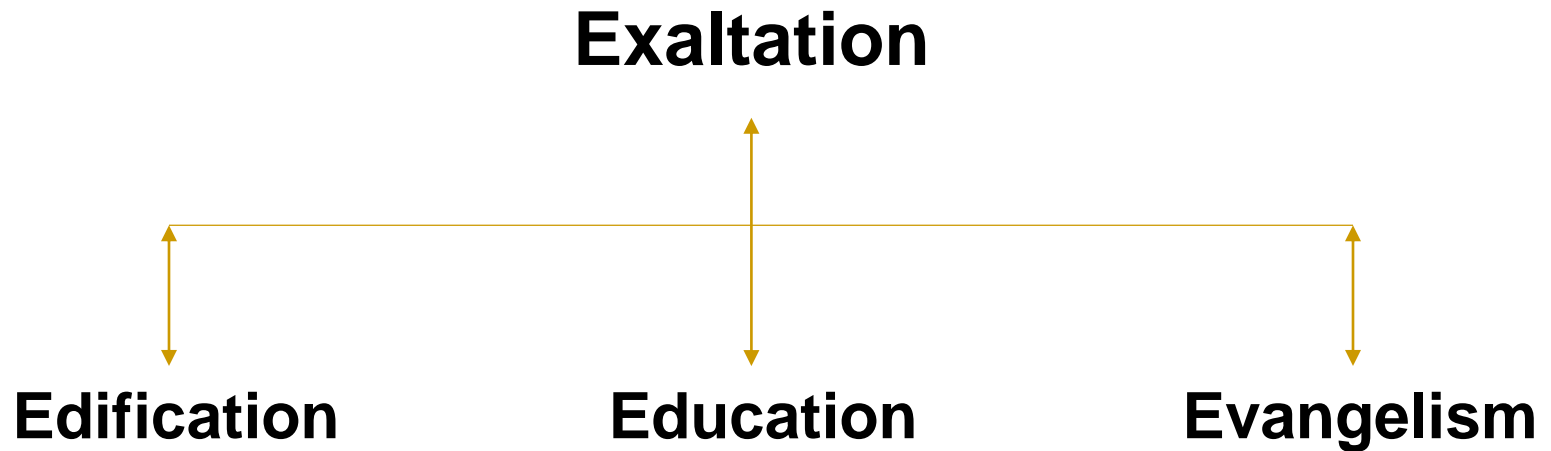


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- What is Mission?
 - A Sender
 - Someone who is sent
 - Someone to whom they are sent
 - A task to accomplish

 - **Andreas Kostenberger** defines mission as:
“Mission is the specific task which a person or group seeks to accomplish.”
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The Purpose of the Church



Introductory Questions

- How does mission relate to purpose?
 - Purpose is **why**
 - Mission is **what**
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- What is the mission of the church?
 - **Stephen Neill** said, “If everything is mission, then nothing is mission.”
 - The mission is given by Jesus in Matthew 28:18-20
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- What is the mission of the church?
 - **Kevin DeYoung and Greg Gilbert:** “The mission of the church is to go into the world and make disciples by declaring the gospel of Jesus Christ in the power of the Spirit and gathering these disciples into churches, that they might worship the Lord and obey his commands now and in eternity to the glory of God the Father.”
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The Mission of the Church

- 5 INTEGRAL FACETS OF THE GREAT COMMISSION



The Authority of the Great Commission

- Christ's Comprehensive authority:
 - “all” appears 4 times:
 - “all authority”
 - “all the nations”
 - “all that I commanded you”
 - “I am with you all the days.”
 - Christ has authority in all **places** at all **times**
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- **Jesus says in John 10:16:** “I have other sheep that are not of this fold; I must bring them also, and they will heed my voice.”
- Peter Cameron Scott



BROUGHT BY FAITHFUL HANDS
OVER LAND AND SEA
HERE RESTS
DAVID LIVINGSTONE,
MISSIONARY,
TRAVELLER,
PHILANTHROPIST,
BORN MARCH 19. 1813,
AT BLANTYRE, LANARKSHIRE,
DIED MAY 1. 1873,
AT CHITAMBO'S VILLAGE, ULALA.

FOR 30 YEARS HIS LIFE WAS SPENT
IN AN UNWEARIED EFFORT
TO EVANGELIZE THE NATIVE RACES,
TO EXPLORE THE UNDISCOVERED SECRETS,
TO ABOLISH THE DESOLATING SLAVE TRADE,
OF CENTRAL AFRICA,
WHERE WITH HIS LAST WORDS HE WROTE,
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ON EVERY ONE, AMERICAN, ENGLISH, OR TURK,
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The Command of the Great Commission

- **V 19:** “Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you.”
 - Central Command: **“make disciples”**
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 - **Luke 9:23-24**: “If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow Me.”
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- Baptism
 - The first **outward sign** of discipleship
- “Teaching them to observe all that I commanded you.”
 - The **content and practice** of discipleship



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- **C.S. Lewis said,** “The Church exists to draw men into Christ to make them little Christs.”



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- The book of Acts is the **demonstration** of the church's mission
 - **Acts 1:8**: Jesus tells the early church, “you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth.”
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- “Go and make disciples”
 - “Go” represents a change in the mission strategy of God’s people



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- Old Testament Missions: Stay and obey
- Centripetal Mission



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- The New Testament Mission: “Go out and compel them to come in.” Centrifugal Mission:



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The Progress of the Great Commission

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Apostle	Possible Frontier
Paul	Spain
Matthew	Ethiopia
Thomas	India
Bartholomew	Armenia
James	Syria
Thaddeus	Edessa
Simon the Zealot	Persia and Britain
Andrew	Britain (?)

Cities with Known Churches by A.D. 100



(Map from *The MacArthur Study Bible*, note on 1 Thess. 2)

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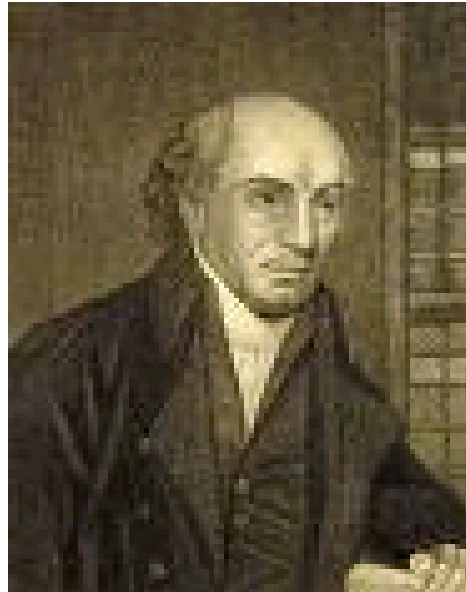
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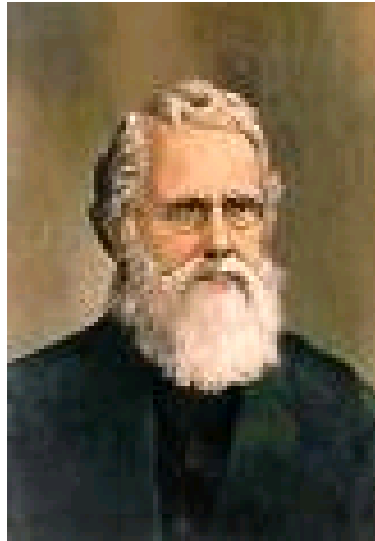
1812: America sends its first overseas missionary, Adoniram Judson, to Burma.



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4th Wave: Global Missions to the PEOPLES of the world (1974-present)

1934: Wycliffe Bible Translators formed

1974: Lausanne Congress of Missions (the First International Congress on World Evangelization)

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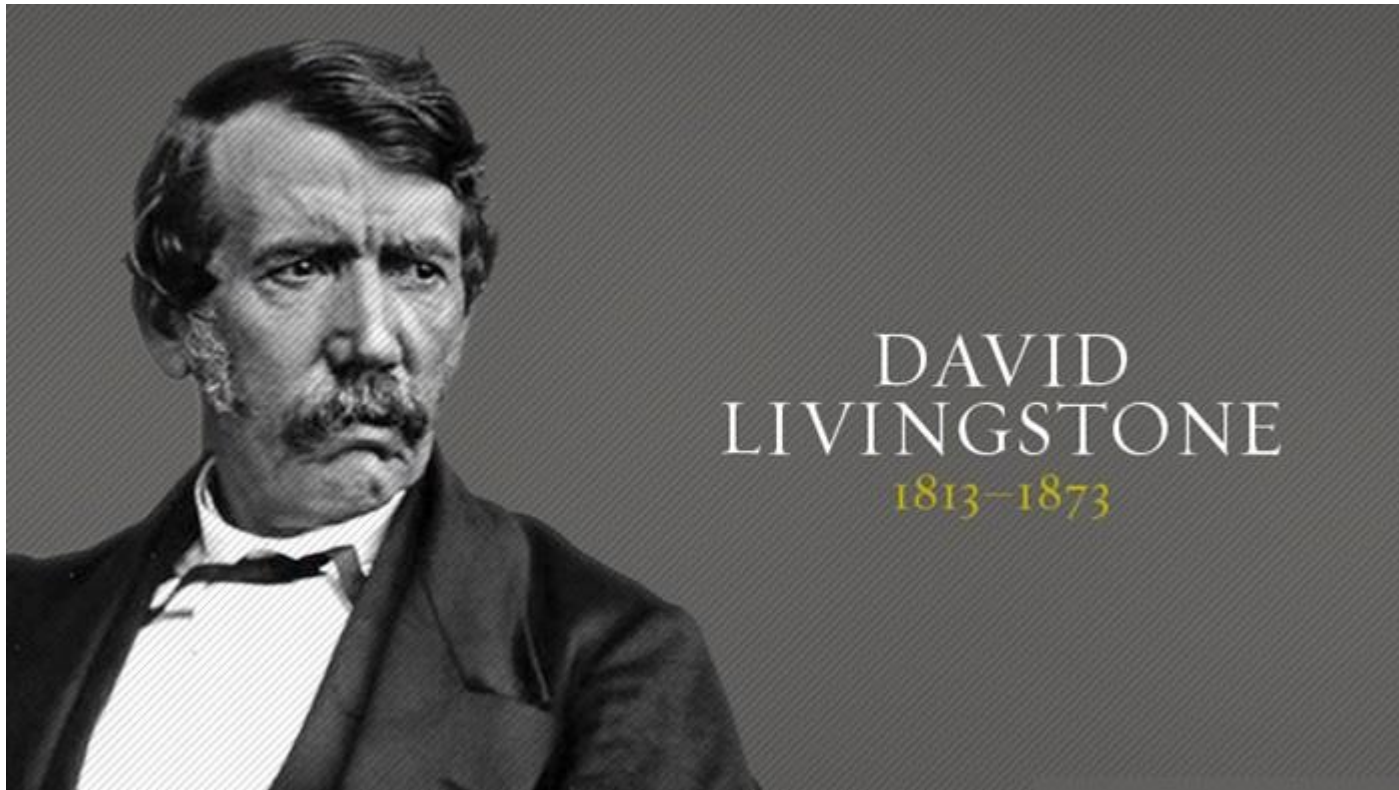
- The Task of the Great Commission: To win individuals for Christ from **every people group**, not just from every nation
 - “nations” = “ethne” (i.e. ethnicities or people groups)
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The Comfort of the Great Commission

- **V 20:** “and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”
 - A fulfillment of **Matthew 1:23:** “Behold, the virgin shall be with child and shall bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel,” which translated means, “God with us.”



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