

**HIS WAYS ARE  
HIGHER THAN OUR WAYS  
EXODUS 14:14**

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# **HIS MISSION**

## **JESUS IN THE GOSPEL OF LUKE**

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and a light to  
my path.

— Psalm 119:105 NKJV

**BUT SEEK  
FIRST**  
**THE KINGDOM  
OF GOD & HIS  
RIGHTEOUSNESS,**  
AND ALL THESE THINGS  
SHALL BE ADDED TO YOU.

MATTHEW 6:33

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# SEEK YE FIRST

*His Church, and everything will be added on to you.*



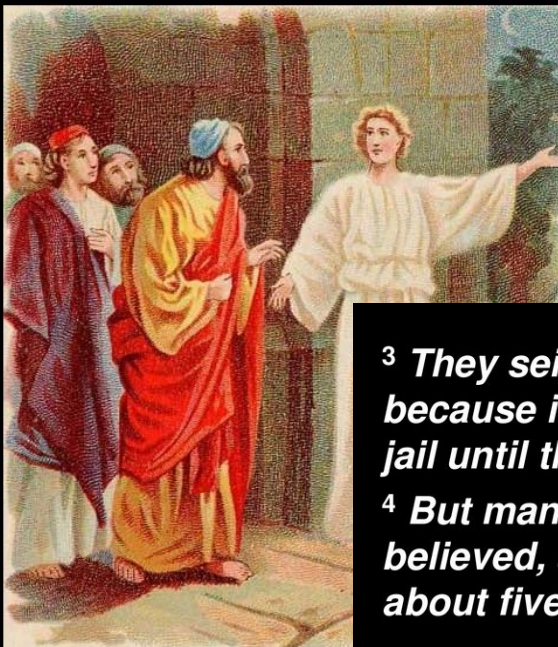


# *Acts 4:23-37*

## **Overcoming Crises of Jerusalem Church**

### **Acts 5:17-20**

17 Then the high priest took action; he and all who were with him (that is, the sect of the Sadducees), being filled with jealousy, 18 arrested the apostles and put them in the public prison. 19 But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors, brought them out, and said, 20 "Go, stand in the temple and tell the people the whole message about this life."



*<sup>3</sup> They seized Peter and John, and because it was evening, they put them in jail until the next day.*

*<sup>4</sup> But many who heard the message believed, and the number of men grew to about five thousand.*

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**THE PRISON OPENED.**

Acts 5: 17-32.

**WE OUGHT TO OBEY GOD RATHER THAN MEN.**

*Acts 4:23-37*  
**Through Prayers and Sharing of Goods**

*All the believers  
joined together  
sharing everything in common  
Acts 2:44*

MY HOUSE SHALL  
BE CALLED THE  
**HOUSE OF  
PRAYER**

*Isaiah 56:7; Mark 11:15-18; Matthew 21:13*

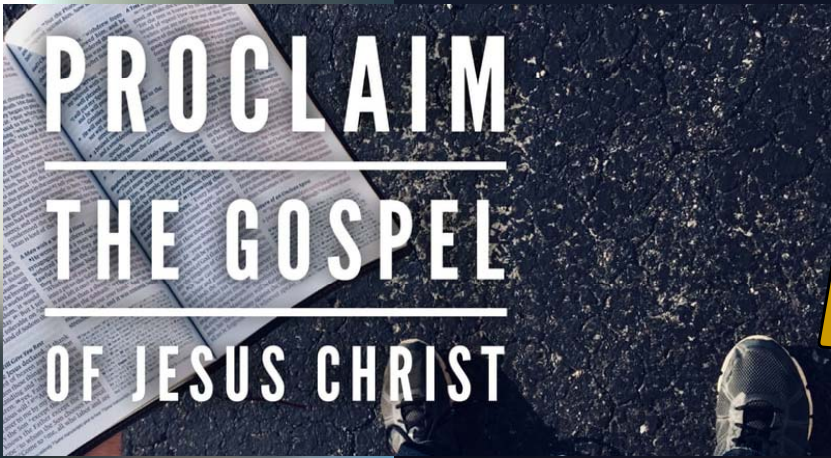
***Internal Strengths***





# *Acts 4:23-37* *Proclaiming of the Gospel*

Proclaiming the gospel to a lost world cannot be just another activity to add to the church's crowded agenda. It must be central to who we are. It forms our identity.



**PROCLAIM**  
**THE GOSPEL**  
**OF JESUS CHRIST**

## *External Strengths*

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*1. Acknowledge your being called-out for His Kingdom.*

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*Part 7. His Church*

# 1. Acknowledge your being called-out for His Kingdom.

In the New Testament, "church" is translated from *ekklesia*. This word means a called out people gathered for a specific purpose. It's not about a building or organization or worship service. It's about the people and their purpose.



# EKKLESIA

THE CALLED OUT ONES

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*"The Bible says about the nature and purpose of the church—what it is, what it's for, what it does.*

*...*

*God has revealed himself by his Word. He is speaking to us, preparing us to represent him today, and to see him tomorrow!*

*A congregation of regenerate members, fulfilling the responsibilities given to us by Christ himself in his Word, regularly meeting together, ..."*

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## The Church

The  
Gospel  
Made  
Visible

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# 1. Acknowledge your being called-out for His Kingdom.

## Apostles, New Rulers of God's Kingdom



### Acts 4:34-35

<sup>34</sup> There was not a needy person among them, for as many as were owners of lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold <sup>35</sup> and laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

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*2. Proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ with great boldness.*

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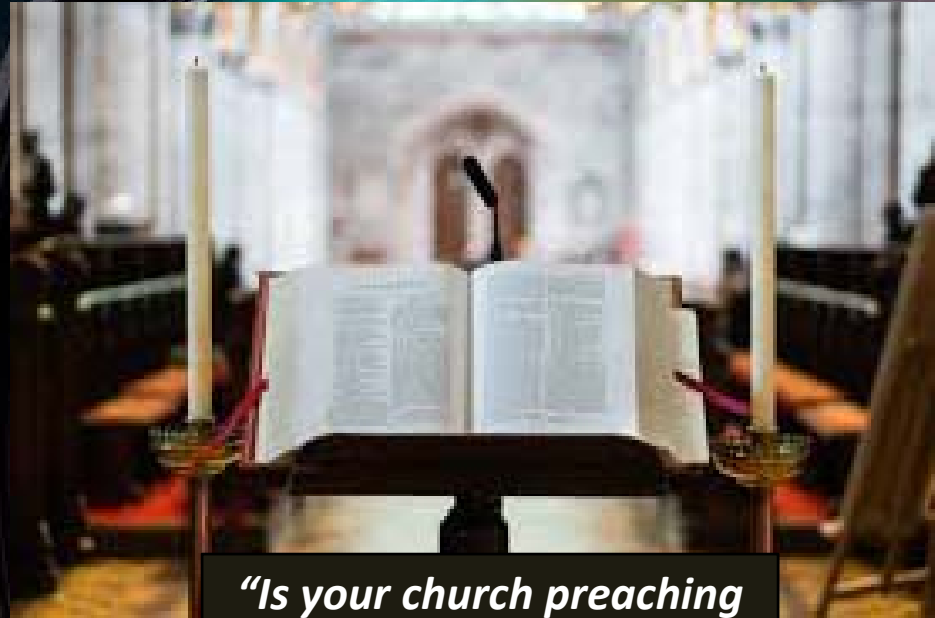
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## 2. *Proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ with great boldness.*

*“Modern day humanism is afraid to speak truth lest someone’s subjective feelings get offended.”*

*It is sensational, feel-good and me-centered.*

*It is all about you,  
your happiness,  
your feelings,  
your methods,  
your ideas,  
your comfort,  
and your preferences.”*



*“Is your church preaching the gospel or is it preaching humanism?”*

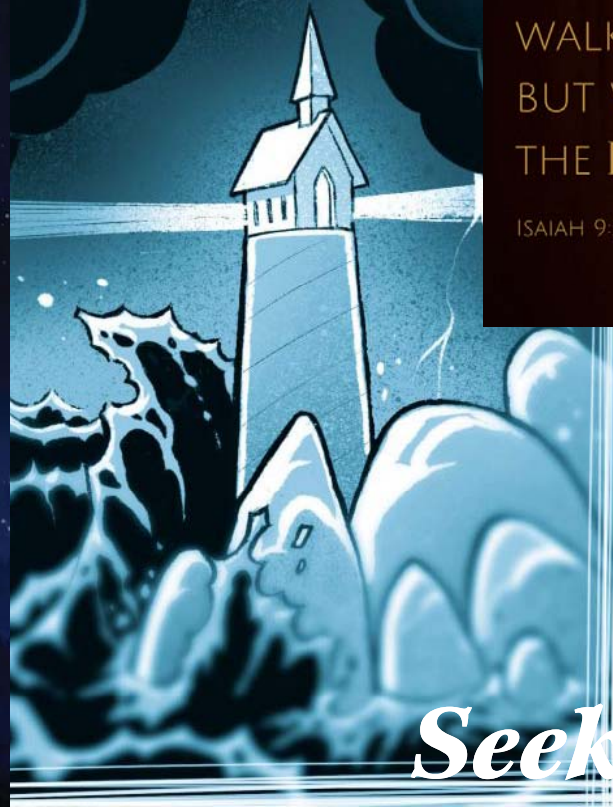
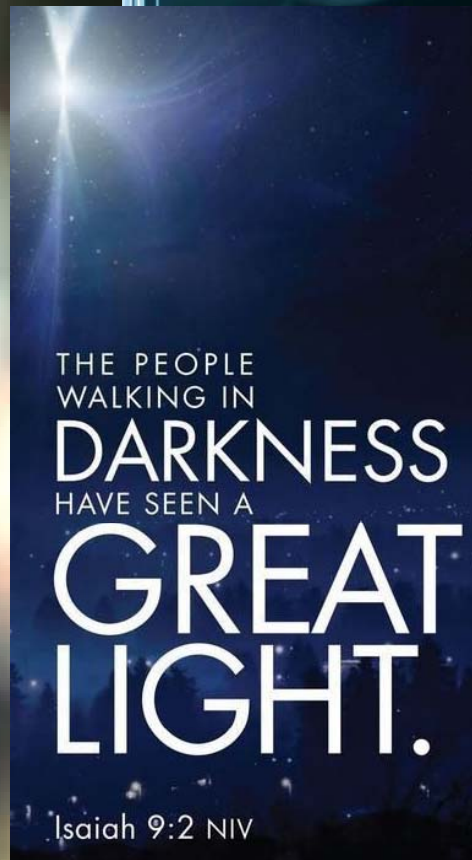
*Earnest Wamboys*

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## 2. *Proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ with great boldness.*



I AM THE  
**light** OF THE WORLD.  
WHOEVER FOLLOWS  
**Me** WILL NEVER  
WALK IN DARKNESS,  
BUT WILL HAVE  
THE **light of life.**

ISAIAH 9:2

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## *2. Proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ with great boldness.*



### **PRAY FOR HONG KONG**

- Peace and prosperity
- Salvation and healing
- Baptism of love in the hearts of people
- Healing for the wounded
- Leadership for wisdom to lead
- God's righteousness, peace and joy
- Reconciliation between police and protesters
- Humility and forgiveness
- Church to be Christlike
- Jesus Christ glorified

*Church to be Christlike!*

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3. Be of one mind and heart.

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### 3. Be of one mind and heart.

## No More Division

- Ephesians 2:14-16 -

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all the  
BELIEVERS  
WERE OF  
one heart  
and mind  
and they  
SHARED  
everything  
they had

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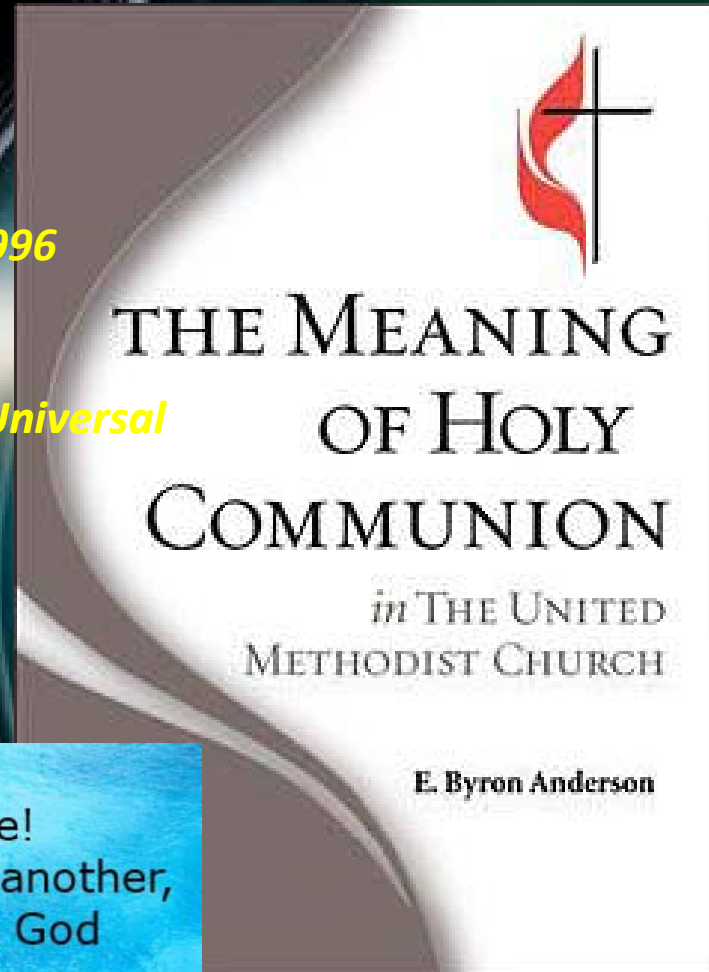
#### *Six Meanings of Holy Communion*

*"The Holy Mystery" – Book of Resolution – 1996*

1. *Eucharist – Thanksgiving*
2. *The Communion of the Church – Local & Universal*
3. *Commemoration of the Act of Christ*
4. *A Sacrifice*
5. *A vehicle of God's grace*
6. *Eschatological*

Finally, brothers and sisters, rejoice!  
Strive for full restoration, encourage one another,  
be of one mind, live in peace. And the God  
of love and peace will be with you.

**2 Corinthians 13:11**



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4. *Bring your talents, time and treasures for the full capacity of the church.*

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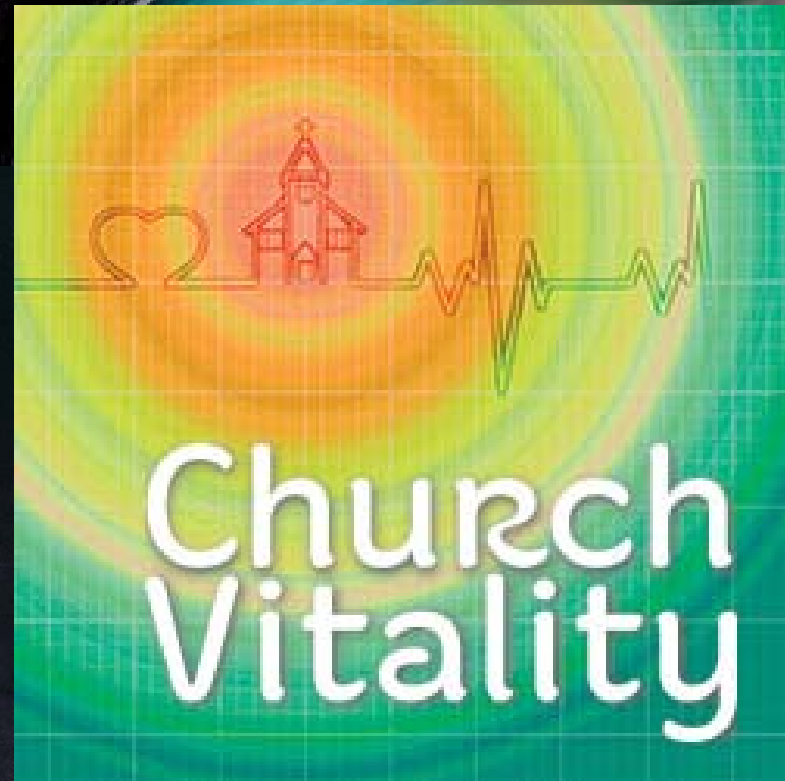
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IS NOT MEASURED BY  
HOW MANY PEOPLE  
FILL THE PEWS, BUT  
RATHER BY HOW MUCH  
THOSE PEOPLE ARE  
FILLED WITH JESUS.

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