

THE IMPORTANCE OF SENDING CHURCH

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TEXT:

ROMANS 10:14-15 (KJV)

“How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach, except they be **SENT**? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!”

SENT

([Hebrew-*shalach*]; [Greek- *apostello*]): “Sent” in the Old Testament is the translation of *shalach*, “to send” (of presents, messengers. ...in the New Testament of *apostello*, “to send off” or “away,” “to send forth” (John 9:7, “the pool of Siloam (which is by interpretation, Sent)

“Sent” is also the translation of *apostolos*, “one sent forth” (the original of the familiar word “apostle”); in John 13:16, “one that is sent” (margin, “Greek ‘an apostle’”)>ISBE – Definition

>One may assume that Apostle's office continue until now however an apostle must be a personal witness of Christ from the days of John the Baptist until Christ's ascension (Acts 1:21-22), and one should perform wonders and miracles (2 Cor.12:12).

WHY SENDING CHURCH IS IMPORTANT?



Five Important reasons to Consider

1. To Follow the Biblical pattern
2. To Institute proper Link from Christ
3. To obtain proper Authority
4. To have a proper Guidance in Maintaining the purity of the Church
5. To have back up Support

1. To Follow the Biblical pattern

- It is always the way of God to send individuals to proclaim His messages and to make known His intentions.
- Prophets : Jeremiah 25: 4 ; Matthew 23:37;Luke 13:34
 - Moses - Exodus 3: 10,13; Number 16:28
 - Isaiah - Isaiah 6: 8-10
 - Jeremiah - Jeremiah 1:5-7
 - Ezekiel - Ezekiel 2:1-3
 - Elijah / John the Baptist - Malachi 3:1; 4:5-6
 - cf Matthew 11: 10-13;
 - Mark 1:2-3; Luke. 1:76; John 1:6-7

- Angels: like angel Gabriel - Luke 1:19, 24
Hebrews 1: 14
- Even God did sent Himself : Exodus 3:14
- Of course CHRIST was being SENT by the FATHER : Prophetic - Isaiah 48: 15-17 (Triune God in Covenant)
Fulfillment - Luke 4: 18, 43; John 3:17,34; 4:34; 5: 36-38; 6:38-39.

2. To Institute Proper Link from Christ

- CHRIST SENT HIS CHURCH
JOHN 20:21...AS MY FATHER HATH SENT ME,
“ EVEN SO SEND I YOU”.
- Christ built and sent His Church with the
promised of Perpetuity until the end of the
world. MATTHEW 16:18; 28:18-20.

►The Church at Jerusalem is the first church and the Mother of all churches of our Lord Jesus Christ.

►The Church at Jerusalem Spread due to persecution:

- to Samaria- Acts 8:3-14
- to Antioch – Acts 11:19-27
- And from Antioch Church, Barnabas and Paul were Sent – Acts 13:1-3
- Churches were organized under Paul's Missionary journeys; **1st** with Barnabas- Acts 13:2-14:28, **2nd** with Silas Acts 15:36-18:22, **3rd** Paul alone Acts 18:23-21:17

► Sending Church principle is the truth that Affirms the Link Chain Succession of the Lord's Churches.

LINK CHAIN SUCCESSION OF THE LORD'S CHURCHES

* Landmark Missionary Baptist Church of Sulop, Davao Del Sur traced their origin back from the time Our Lord JESUS CHRIST *

- **Link 1-Landmark Missionary Baptist Church** of Sulop Davao Del Sur organized Dec.28, 2000 from Landmark Missionary Baptist Church of Guihing, Hagonoy Davao Del Sur.(Official Church Record Books-Landmark Missionary Baptist Church of Sulop)
- **Link 2- Landmark Missionary Baptist Church** of Guihing,Hagonoy Davao Del Sur organized Nov.13, 1994 from Heritage Landmark Baptist Church of Given, West Virginia.(official Church Records Books-Landmark Missionary Baptist Church of Guihing)
- **Link 3- Heritage Landmark Baptist Church** of Given, WV organized Aug.22,1987 from First Baptist Church of Nappanee, Indiana.
(official Church Record Books-Heritage Landmark Baptist Church)

- **Link 4-First Baptist Church** of Nappanee, Indiana organized Dec.27,1970 from New Testament Baptist Church Of Cleveland Hights, Ohio (Official Church Record Books- First Baptist Church Of Indiana)
- **Link 5- New Testament Baptist Church** of Cleveland Hights, Ohio organized Nov.9, 1962 from Calvary Baptist Church of Kentucky(Official Church Record Books-First Baptist Church of Nappanee)
- **Link 6- Calvary Baptist Church** of Ashland, Kentucky organized Aug.20,1955 from King's Addition Baptist Church of South Shore, Kentucky (History of Calvary Baptist Church Submitted by Hazel F. Hutchinson, Church Clerk, by request of James S. Blake, Craigsville, Regular Baptist Church Of Craigsville, West Virginia, Feb.18, 1973)
- **Link 7- King's Addition Baptist Church** of South Shore Kentucky organized 1947 from South Shore Baptist Church of South Shore Kentucky(History of King's Addition Baptist Church submitted April 30,1997 by David Michael Green, King's Addition Baptist Church)
- **Link 8- South Shore Baptist Church** of South Shore, Kentucky(Originally called Fullerton Baptist Church) organized 1915 from Carr Baptist Church of York, Kentucky(Tipon's History of Greenup Association 1841-1941 pg.16)
- **Link 9- Carr Baptist Church** of York, Kentucky organized 1910 from Unity Baptist Church of Ashland, Kentucky(Tipon's History of Greenup Association 1841-1941 pg.16)
- **Link 10- Unity Baptist Church** of Ashland Kentucky organized 1837 from Palmyra Baptist Church of Greenup County, Kentucky(Tipon's History of Greenup Association 1841-1941 pg.11)
- **Link 11- Palmyra Baptist Church** of Greenup County, Kentucky organized 1824 from Philadelphia Baptist Association of America
(Tipon's History Of Greenup Association 1841-1941 pg.10)

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- **Link 12- *H. Roller*** [missionary from **Hillcliffe Baptist Church of Wales**] came to the **Philadelphia Baptist Association of America** from **Hillcliffe Baptist Church of Wales, England** (Book 3, Item I, minutes of the **Philadelphia Baptist Association**)
- **Link 13- *First Baptist church (Welsh Tract Baptist Church)*** of **Pennsylvania** the mother church of **Philadelphia Baptist Association of America** from **Hillcliffe Baptist church of Wales England** (Cathcart-Baptist Encyclopedia pg.1229-1230).
- **Link 14- *Hillcliffe Baptist Church*** of **Wales, England** was organized by **Aaron Arlington** in **A.D. 987** [missionary from **Lima Piedmont Church A.D 940**] (Jone's History pg.324; Alex Munston's **Israel of the Alps** pg.39)
- **Link 15- *Lima Piedmont Church*** was organized by **Balcolas** in **812** [missionary from **Timto Church**] (Neander's Church History Vol.II pg.320)
- **Link 16- *Timto Church*** of **Asia Minor** organized by **ArcherFlavin** in **A.D 738** [missionary from **Darethea Church**] (Mosheim's Church History ,Vol.I pg.394)
- **Link 17- *Darethea Church*** of **Asia Minor**, organized by **Adromicus** in **A.D. 671**, missionary from **Pontifossi Church** (Lambert's Church History, pg.47)
- **Link 18- *Pontifossi Church***, foot of **Alps, France**, was organized under the leadership of **Tellestman** a missionary from **Turan Church** in **A.D 398** (Nowlin's Church History Vol.II pg.318)
- **Link 19- *Turan Church*** of **Turan Italy**, was organized under the leadership of **Tertullian** in **A.D 237**, from **Bing Joy, Africa**, a member & missionary of **Partus Church** (Armitage's History of the Baptist pg.182)
- **Link 20- *Partus Church***, at the foot of **Tiber**, organized under the leadership of **Polycarp**, **A.D 150** (Cyrus:Commentary of Antiquity pg. 924)
- **Link 21- *Polycarp*** was an ordained Pastor and missionary of the Church of **Smyrna** that was written in **Revelation 2:8-11**, he was baptized and ordained by **Apostle John** (Neader's "Church History", pg.285, J.Milner's "The History of the Church of Christ" pg.113,& J.E.Riddle's "Manual of Christian Antiquities" pg.14).

Link 22- *John* was an Apostle of our Lord and Saviour **Jesus Christ** who started His church while here on earth (Mark 3:13-14;Luke 6:12-13)

JESUS CHRIST

of **Nazareth**, the **Baptist church founder** (Matthew 16:18), was baptized by **John the Baptist** (Matthew 3:13-17). Started his Ministry at the age of **30yrs old** (Luke 3:23)

- Churches that are only Founded by Men has no organizational connection to Christ although they learned some doctrines from Christ's true churches – 1 Peter 2:6; 1 Corinthian 3:11.
- Apostate churches may have their organizational connection however they are lacking the essential thing that connects them back to Christ and that is His doctrines- 2 John 9, John 8:31, Mark 7:6-7, Revelation 2:5; 3:16 cf. 1 Timothy 3:15, Ephesians 5:26 -27, Jude 3.

Christ's church and His truths cannot be separated, if there be church perpetuity there be also truth continuity because the church is the depository of truths (Eph.3:10; 1Tim.3:15).
Indeed there's no lie is of the Truth! -1 John 2:21

3. To Obtain proper Church Authority

- **Definition of the Term Authority.**
- Strong's Greek Dictionary- “*EXOUSIA*”- — ex-oo-see'-ah;— authority, jurisdiction, liberty, power, right, strength.
- Being Sent means being AUTHORIZED representative of the one that delegates. Matthew 11:2-3;21:34,36,37; Acts 9:14
- Christ said to His Church “GO”-Matthew 28:19; “I SEND YOU”- John 20:21; “Ye are witnesses of these things”- Luke 24:48

- The source of all Authority is God – John 3:27; 19:10-11
- Christ received His Authority from the FATHER and so He has the Authority :
 - to all things in Heaven and in Earth (Matthew 28:18)
 - in His own Life (John 10:18)
 - to give eternal life (John 17:2 cf. John 14:6; Acts 4:10-12)
 - to forgive sins (Matthew 9:6)
 - to teach God's doctrines (John 7:16-17; 12:49-50; 2John 9)
 - to all demons (Mark 1:27; Luke 9:1)
 - to execute Judgment (John 5:27 cf. Revelation 20:11)
 - to His own Church, as He purchased her by His own Blood (Acts 20:28),
as His Bride (2Corinthian 11:2; Ephesians 5:22-240, and as He is the
head of His Church (Colossians 1:18 like man to woman 1Corithians
11:3)

► Christ gave authority to His Church;

- To preach the Gospel – Mark 15:16, Luke 24:47
- To teach all nations or to make disciples – Matthew 28:19
- To Baptize in the name of the TRINITY – Matthew 28:19
- To Teach all Things Christ commanded – Matthew 28:20

► The authority was given to the whole church with the 11 apostles – LUKE 24: 33, they were 120 persons in all – Acts 1:13-15.

► This means that the authority to GOVERN the church wasn't given to few individuals in the church, not to the league of elders, associations, conventions and boards or mission boards. Christ said; 'Tell it to the Church" (Matthew 18:17).

► During the days of the Apostles, the New Testament churches has shown an example on how they managed the church through the church itself.

- The selection of Matthias – Acts 1:23-26
- The selection of seven Deacons – Acts 6:2-3
- Sending Missionaries – Acts 11:22 ; 13:1-3
- Reporting of Accomplishments – Acts 14:26-27
- Resolving Church problems – Acts 15:1-6; 22-29
- Exclusion and Restoration of incestuous man – 1 Corinthians 5:1-5; 2Corinthians 2:6
- The selection of Paul's travel companion – 1 Corinthians 16:3 cf. 2Corinthians 8:19,23

► The vertical and horizontal Authority

- The First Church at Jerusalem received authority directly from Christ – Matt.28:18-20
- However the authority received of the church of Samaria and the Church of Antioch wasn't coming directly from Christ but from the existing church of Jerusalem- Acts 8:6-14; 11: 19-27
- Churches that was organized under the missionary journeys of Paul has received their authority coming from the existing church of Antioch – Acts 13: 1-3; 14: 26-27.
- Therefore the first church of Jerusalem received their authority VERTICALLY from Christ and all progeny of This church including these present day churches received HORIZONTALLY from the existing church/churches whose history traced back from the First church at Jerusalem.

Christ's authority

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Matt.28:
18-20



Horizontal
Acts 8:6
-14



Horizontal
Acts 11:19
-27



Horizontal
Apostle Paul
was Sent
Acts 13:1-3

Churches organized under Paul missionary journeys :
Ephesus
Corinth
Colossus
Thessalonica
Philippi
Galatia
And so on..

► In addition:

- Receiving Proper church authority from Christ's true Churches is the only way of a PROPER CHURCH ORGANIZATION, meaning all churches having form without proper church authority is a false church/man-made church and does not belong to Christ.

Example: Three families moved to a certain place far from their church, and they decided to make themselves gather as a church without proper authority from their church. They may become a church of their own, but without the proper authority, they still have no proper connection; they are an unauthorized church.

N.T. pattern in Organizing church was by sending authorized persons to organized churches (Acts 8:14-15; 11:22-26).

John Gill on Acts 8:14 “ ...they sent unto them Peter and John: who were not only fellow apostles, but very familiar and intimate companions; these they SENT to confirm the doctrine of Philip, and ESTABLISH the young converts in it, and form them into a Gospel church state, and ordain ministers over them.

- Of course, churches started by disciplined members are certainly not a proper organized church, are unauthorized churches, and are showing rebellious acts against Christ's church instead of showing forth the fruits of repentance.
- Churches that acknowledges a church that was started by disciplined members as a legitimate church of Christ disrespect the Authority of the Church from which the erring members were disciplined.
- Any church who adopt and give authority of the disciplined members coming from the sister churches, violated and **DISREGARDED** the truth of **SENDING CHURCH**.

❖ Continue

- Church under the Guidance of the Holy Spirit authorized qualified men to carry the work of the Lord to oversee, to take good care of the church, to watch the souls of God's people; Acts 20:28; 1Timothy 3:5; Hebrews 13:17.
- Women are not allowed to obtain authority inside the church 1Timothy 2:11-12; 1Corinthians 14:34-37

4. To have a proper Guidance in Maintaining the purity of the Church

- Importance of Sending Church is also to guide in order to maintain the purity of Christ's churches, Remember He said: "Teaching them to Observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you" ...Matthew 28:20
- New Testament example in guiding to maintained the purity of the church was by sending men who are full of Spirit and of Faith.
- Barnabas was sent by the church of Jerusalem Acts 11:22
 - Verse -24 He was a qualified man
 - Verse -26 With Apostle Paul they'd strengthen the church

►Apostle Paul- Acts 18:23

- Evidently Apostle Paul's writings were intent to guide and maintain the purity of the faith of the Lord's churches as he was SENT by the Church of Antioch to them.

►The principle of Sending Church maintains the continuity of the truth in the Lord's churches, by entrusting the things learned to able men who can teach others also- 2Timothy 2:2.

►Sending church principle preserves Christ Churches until He comes again; Jude 3, Ephesian 5:26-27 cf. 1Timothy 3:15

5. To have a back up Support

- New Testament churches is our example in helping fellow churches that are in need of support
 - Sending relief unto the Brethren at Judea – Acts 11:28-30
 - Giving contribution for the poor saints at Jerusalem – Romans 15:25-26; 1Corinthian 16:1-3
- They also set an example in supporting those men whom they sent to labor for the Gospel - Acts 21:5; 2 Cor.1:16 Titus 3:13; 3John 1:6-8 cf. 1Corinthian 9:9-19; Galatia 6:6.

► In conclusion : The Picture below illustrates the Importance of sending church, liken to a rescue mission.

The one who guides to maintain safety of the sent

SENDING CHURCH

Supports are structure and those who roll the rope

Represents a sinner to rescue

One who is train and Authorized to rescue

Rope is the connection



SAD REALITY...

THANK YOU FOR LISTENING

QUESTIONS?