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“The Church – Chosen on a Journey with a Message”

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Galatians 3:27-29 (NIV)

27 for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.
28 There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.
29 If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.





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This mystery is that through the gospel the Gentiles are heirs together with Israel, members together of one body, and sharers together in the promise in Christ Jesus.





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Psalms 78:2-4 (NIV)

² I will open my mouth with a parable;
I will utter hidden things,

things from of old -

³ things we have heard and known,
things our ancestors have told us.

⁴ We will not hide them from their
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Hebrews 4:15-16 (NIV)

¹⁵ For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are - yet He did not sin.

¹⁶ Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.



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Matthew 9:37-38 (NIV)

³⁷ Then He said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few.
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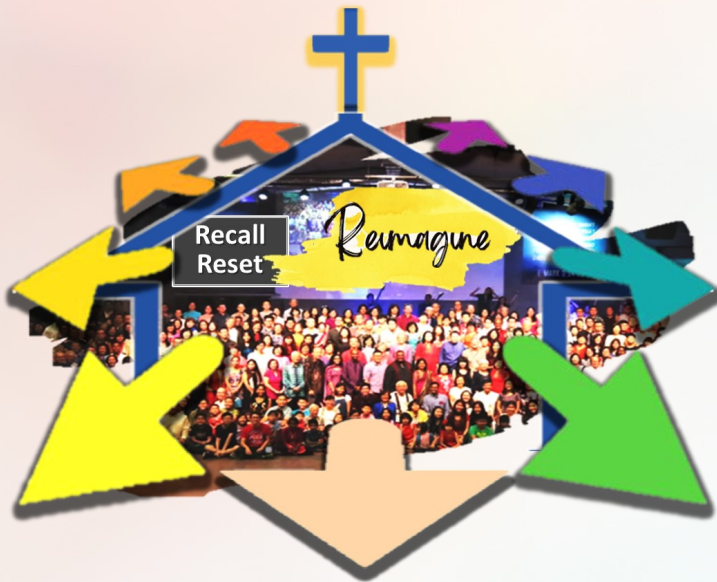
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And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.





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¹³ And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in Him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴ who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession—to the praise of His glory.





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¹⁴ What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them? ¹⁵ Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. ¹⁶ If one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and well fed," but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it? ¹⁷ In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.



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b) pilgrim's lifestyle

Luke 12:15 (NIV)

¹⁵ Then He said to them,
“Watch out! Be on your guard
against all kinds of greed;
life does not consist in an
abundance of possessions.”





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2 Cor 3:2 (NIV)

² You yourselves are our letter, written on our hearts, known and read by everyone.



