



NEW COVENANT CHURCH

# Love & Serve *God's People in the City*

*“For I am with you,  
and no one will attack you to hurt you;  
for I have many people in this city.”*

*Acts 18:10*

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## Acts 18:9

*Now the Lord spoke to Paul in the night by a vision,  
“Do not be afraid, but speak, and do not keep silent;  
10 for I am with you, and no one will attack you to  
hurt you; **for I have many people in this city.”***

*11 And he continued there a year and six months,  
teaching the word of God among them.*

God Has Called People  
Who Haven't Heard Yet

***This is Why They Need to Hear From Us***

## Romans 8:29

*For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. 30 Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified.*

**Romans 8:29** (New Living Translation)

*For **God knew his people in advance**, and he chose them to become like his Son, so that his Son would be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. 30 And having chosen them, he called them to come to him. And having called them, he gave them right standing with himself. And having given them right standing, he gave them his glory.*

# The Path to a New Life in Christ:

God's Foreknowledge

Predestined

Called

Justified

Glorified

## The Path to a New Life in Christ:

### Predestined

Predestination is not universal salvation which teaches that every one will be redeemed and no one will be eternally lost.

Nor is it “**irresistible grace**” in which people will be saved regardless of their willingness

## The Path to a New Life in Christ:

Nor is it **Calvinism** (John Calvin) which asserts:

At the beginning of time, God selected a limited number of souls to grant salvation and there's nothing any individual person can do during their mortal life to alter their eternal fate. Either you were chosen or you were not chosen, and that's all there is to it.



## The Path to a New Life in Christ:

**Calvinism was compatible with slavery.**

Calvinists maintained that enslaving non-Christian Africans was beneficial for them since they became exposed to "Christianity."

**The truth is God knows** who will be saved because He knows all things. It is not our place to make any assumptions about who will be saved, but to reach everyone.

# The Path to a New Life in Christ:

**Called** – Conviction of the Holy Spirit from hearing the Gospel of Christ

**Justified** - Being made righteous through the new birth upon receiving Jesus as Lord.

**Glorified** - By God's grace, presence and training, growing and becoming more mature and fruitful

## 1 Corinthians 1:29

*That no flesh should glory in His presence. 30 But of Him you are in Christ Jesus, **who became for us wisdom from God—and righteousness and sanctification and redemption**— 31 that, as it is written, “He who glories, let him glory in the Lord.”*

# What Did God Mean By This?

*"I have many people in this city."*

Acts 18:10

## Look at the Circumstances and Connections in Acts 18

Acts 18:1 *After these things Paul **departed** from Athens and went to Corinth. 2 And he found a certain Jew named **Aquila, born in Pontus, who had recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla** (because Claudius had commanded all the Jews to depart from Rome); and he came to them. 3 So, because he was of the same trade, **he stayed with them and worked**; for by occupation they were tentmakers. 4 And **he reasoned in the synagogue every Sabbath, and persuaded both Jews and Greeks.***

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**There are connections with people waiting to be made**

**Romans 10:14**, *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? 15 And how shall they preach unless they are sent?*



# God Has Called People Who Haven't Heard Yet

**The message of the Gospel is the Power of God  
to Salvation**

**Romans 1:16**

*For I am not ashamed of the **gospel of Christ**, for it is **the power of God to salvation** for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek.*



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The Church is not a Building.  
It is People Growing Strong Together  
Through Christ.



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*"I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope." (Jeremiah 29:11)*

**If you would like to learn more about God's plan for you, contact me! *Bryan Hudson***

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