



6 “E’s”

OF THE
CHURCH



Part 5

***EVANGELIZING
THE LOST***

The Ekklesia (“Church”) is not a building but:

Everyone who has put their faith in
Jesus Christ alone for salvation
universally, who gather locally, to **exalt**
Christ, **equip** and **empower** believers,
and then scatter to **evangelize** and live
out the gospel while by **engaging** the
world.

6 E's of the Church

1. *Ekklesia* – those called out by God, for God and His purpose.
2. *Exalting Christ* – worship.
3. *Equipping the Church* – what it means to be a follower of Christ.
4. *Empowering Believers* – using the abilities God gave you and being given the opportunity and authority to fulfill those things in your life and at GraceLife.
5. *Evangelize the Lost...*

A. John 3:1-21 – Nicodemus

Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. This man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him.” Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.”

Nicodemus said to Him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born?”

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Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’ The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.”
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Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? Truly, truly, I say to you, We speak of what We know, and bear witness to what We have seen, but you do not receive Our testimony. If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except He who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in Him may have eternal life.

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Verses 16-21 - God loved the world **so much**, He sent His only Son to die in our place, and by **faith** in Him, we can be **saved eternally**. If not, we are already under His judgment because we do not believe and do not come into the light.

You must be born again!

You must be brought to life by the Spirit of God.

2 Old Testament References

1. The **Son of Man**, a *Messianic title* from *Daniel 7*.
2. Moses **lifting up the serpent** in the wilderness, from *Numbers 21:4-9*, where those who looked to the serpent by faith were healed from snake bites.

Faith or **belief** is **required for salvation!**

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PERFECTION

B. John 4:1-26 – The Samaritan Woman

In verses 1-6, Jesus leaves Judea and goes through Samaria, which is north of Judea, to get to Galilee. In Samaria, He stops in Sychar, at Jacob's well, about noon.



John 4:7-26

A woman from Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (For His disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to Him, "How is it that You, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?" (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and Who it is that is saying to you, 'Give Me a drink,' you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water."

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The woman said to Him, “Sir, You have nothing to draw water with, and the well is deep. Where do You get that living water? Are You greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock.” Jesus said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.”

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The woman said to Him, “Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water.”

Jesus said to her, “Go, call your husband, and come here.” The woman answered Him, “I have no husband.”

Jesus said to her, “You are right in saying, ‘I have no husband’; for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true.” The woman said to Him, “Sir, I perceive that You are a prophet. Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but You say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship.”

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Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe Me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship Him. God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.” The woman said to Him, “I know that Messiah is coming (He who is called Christ). When He comes, He will tell us all things.” Jesus said to her, “I who speak to you *Am He*.”

B. John 4:1-26 – The Samaritan Woman

Jesus:

1. Spoke to a woman in public.
2. As a religious leader, He spoke with a woman in public
3. Speaks to a woman from Samaria, considered half-Jews by the Jews. She may have been Jewish.

B. John 4:1-26 – The Samaritan Woman

One: Focus on salvation!!

Two: Use what is available.

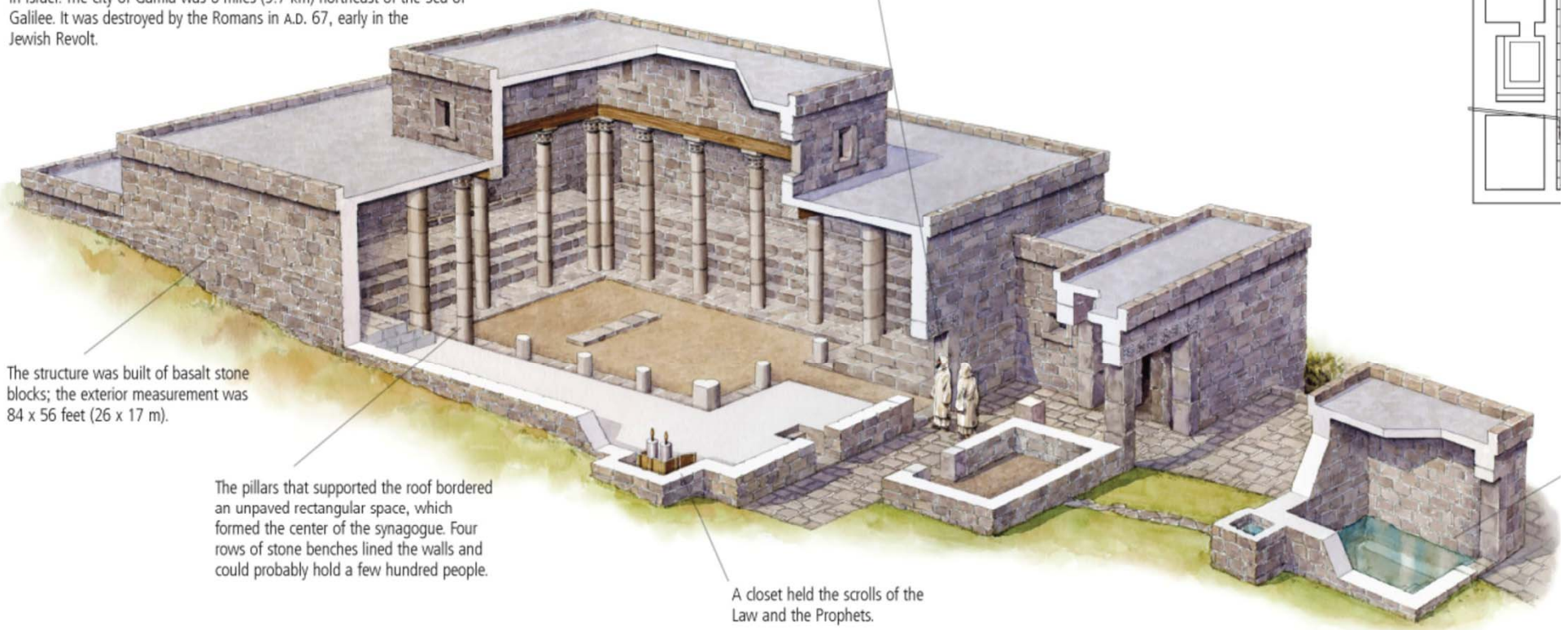
C. Acts 17:1-4 – A Synagogue

Now when they had passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where there was a Synagogue of the Jews. And Paul went in, as was his custom, and on three Sabbath days he reasoned with them from the Scriptures, explaining and proving that it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead, and saying, “This Jesus, whom I proclaim to you, is the Christ.” And some of them were persuaded and joined Paul and Silas, as did a great many of the devout Greeks and not a few of the leading women.

THE SYNAGOGUE AND JEWISH WORSHIP

In cities other than Jerusalem, the synagogue was the center of Jewish worship during the time of Christ. Synagogues were located in most of the leading towns of Israel. Although very little remains of the original first-century synagogue at Nazareth, extensive archaeological evidence exists for a typical Jewish synagogue in the town of Gamla, which would have had much in common with the synagogues Jesus visited in Nazareth and other cities.

This illustration is based on the excavation of the Gamla synagogue, one of the oldest in Israel. The city of Gamla was 6 miles (9.7 km) northeast of the Sea of Galilee. It was destroyed by the Romans in A.D. 67, early in the Jewish Revolt.



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He “*reasoned*.” This word is used 13 times in the New Testament and means, “getting a conclusion across,” usually of believers exercising “dialectical reasoning.” This is the process of *giving and receiving* information... to *reach deeper understanding* – a “going back-and-forth” of thoughts and ideas so people can better know the Lord (His word, will).” [Strong's Greek: 2192. ἔχω; \(echó\) -- to have, hold.](#)

It is a **dialogue** *with the purpose of declaring Jesus.*

C. Acts 17:1-4 – A Synagogue

He started with the Bible, continued with the Bible and ended with the Bible because they had the foundation of the Bible.

How well do you know the Scripture?

D. Acts 17:16-32 – The Areopagus in Athens

Now while Paul was waiting for them at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him as he saw that the city was full of idols. So he reasoned [*dialogued*] in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons, and in the marketplace every day with those who happened to be there. Some of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers also conversed with him. And some said, “What does this babbler wish to say?”

Acts 17:16-32

Others said, “He seems to be a preacher of foreign divinities” - because he was preaching Jesus and the resurrection. And they took him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, “May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting? For you bring some strange things to our ears. We wish to know therefore what these things mean.” Now all the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there would spend their time in nothing except telling or hearing something new.

Acts 17:16-32

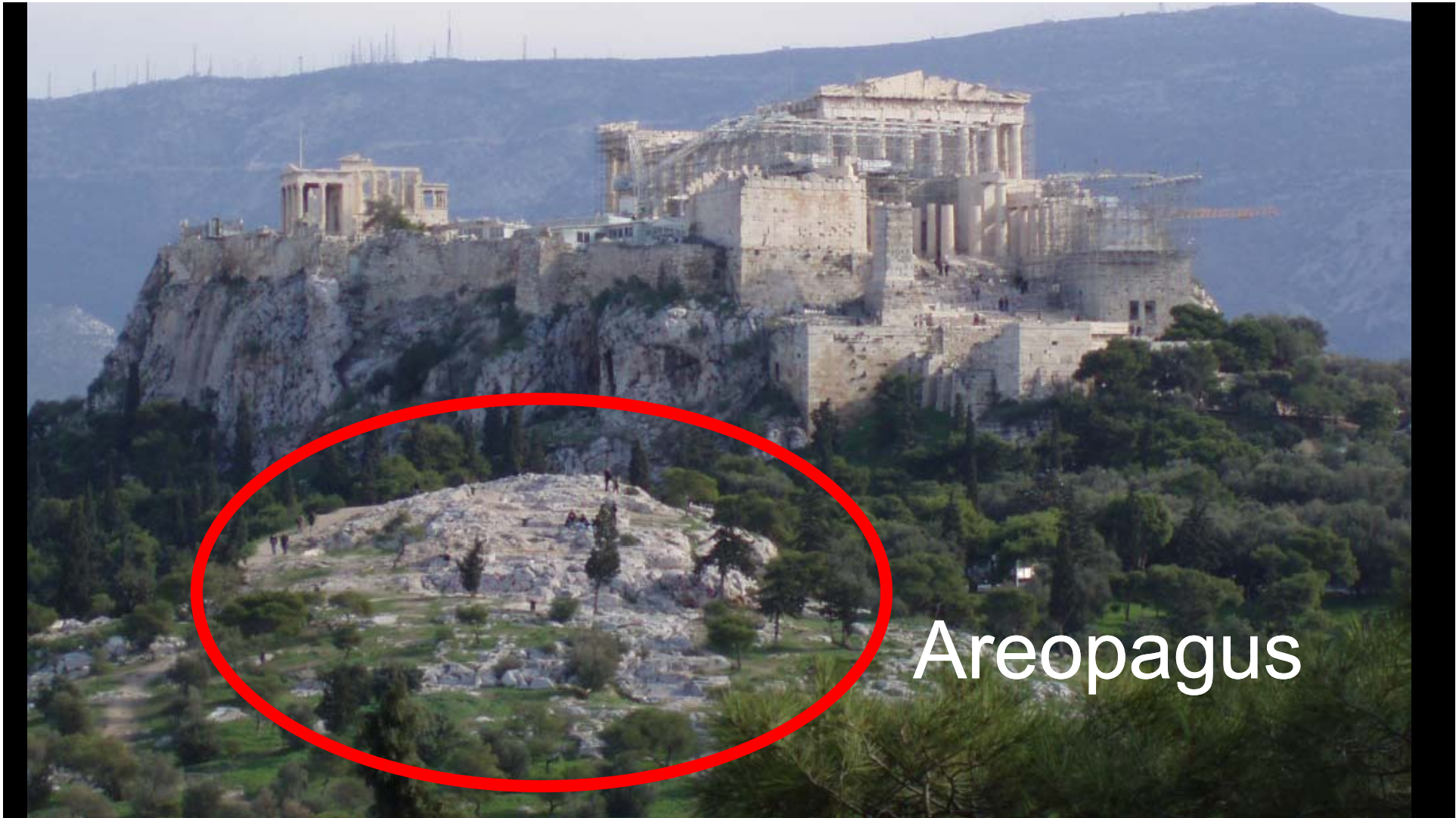
So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: “Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription: ‘To the unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, nor is He served by human hands, as though He needed anything, since He Himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything.

Acts 17:16-32

And He made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, that they should seek God, and perhaps feel their way toward Him and find Him. Yet He is actually not far from each one of us, for 'In Him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, "For we are indeed His offspring." Being then God's offspring, we ought not to think that the Divine Being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of man.

Acts 17:16-32

The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now He commands all people everywhere to repent, because He has fixed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by a Man whom He has appointed; and of this He has given assurance to all by raising Him from the dead.” Now when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some mocked. But others said, “We will hear you again about this.” So Paul went out from their midst. But some men joined him and believed, among whom also were Dionysius the Areopagite and a woman named Damaris and others with them.



Areopagus

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They had **no** concept of a Jewish Messiah in their theology.

He *starts with what they know*, using something they are familiar with as a springboard to tell them about God.

Then he gives the foundation of ***Creation***.

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We see 3 results when sharing Christ:

1. Some will mock and turn away.
2. Some will believe.
3. Some will want to hear more.

E. Additional Principles for us!

Focus on Jesus. When we witness, focus on *Him* and grace through faith, apart from works. Works follow faith and are not the basis of faith: *Ephesians 2:9-10!* Some will try to get you off in a tangent.

These are important questions, but don't get sidetracked. You can say: *that's a great question*, but right now we are *talking about you and your soul!*

E. Additional Principles for us!

The Romans Road.

Romans 3:23, 5:8, 6:23, 10:9-10, 13 - Go through these verses, and have the people read them. Be ready to explain **sin**, **grace**, **repentance**, **faith**, etc. to someone too.

E. Additional Principles for us!

The Bible in 5 Words: *Creation, Expectation, Declaration, Explanation, and Consummation.*

God **created** all things good, but sin entered the world, bringing death. God promised a Savior, **expected** during the Old Testament history. He came, Jesus, the eternal Son of God, lived the perfect life as the God/Man and died a sacrificial death in our place and was resurrected 3 days later and **declared** by those who saw Him. The New Testament **explains who** He is, **what** He did and **why** it's important, because without Him we are lost and under God's judgment. When Jesus returns, to **consummate** history, He will judge the world. Your **only hope** of forgiveness and salvation is to turn from your sin and trust in Jesus alone for salvation.

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Way of the Master.

Use the **10 Commandments** to bring a knowledge of sin: Have you ever stolen? Have you ever lusted? Have you ever taken God's Name in vain? Etc... by someone's own mouth, they condemn themselves and you share the gospel.

You can combine these, and there are others.

E. Additional Principles for us!

Ask Questions. Jesus did that a lot.

One of the biggest problems is fear. If we fear rejection, we will not share the gospel, because some will reject it. We “feel” we are rejected.

What if someone asks me a question I don't know. Tell them, that's a good question (if it is), and say: I don't know, but I do know that if you die without confessing Jesus as Lord, you will go to the lake of fire for eternity.