



# REACHING OUT

*being who the world needs us to be*

## GOSPEL DISTRACTORS

***YET EVEN LIFELESS THINGS, EITHER  
FLUTE OR HARP, IN PRODUCING A  
SOUND, IF THEY DO NOT  
PRODUCE A DISTINCTION IN  
THE TONES, HOW WILL IT BE  
KNOWN WHAT IS PLAYED ON THE  
FLUTE OR ON THE HARP?***

***(1 Cor 14:7)***



And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build **My church**, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. (Matt 16:18)

For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of **the church**, **His body**, and is Himself **its Savior**. (Eph 5:23)

There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call—**one Lord**, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. (Eph 4:4-6)

What I mean is that each one of you says, “I follow Paul,” or “I follow Apollos,” or “I follow Cephas,” or “I follow Christ.” **Is Christ divided**? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? (1 Cor 1:12-13)

Jesus said to him, “I am **the way**, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.” (John 14:6)

But this I confess to you, that **according to the Way**, which they call a sect, I worship the God of our fathers, believing everything laid down by the Law and written in the Prophets, (Acts 24:14)

And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. For I decided to **know nothing among you except Jesus Christ** and him crucified. (1 Cor 2:1-2)

but **we preach Christ crucified**, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, (1 Corinthians 1:23)

For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and **not with words of eloquent wisdom**, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power. (1 Corinthians 1:17)

Some indeed **preach Christ** from envy and rivalry, but others from good will. (Philippians 1:15)

Then Philip opened his mouth, and **beginning with this Scripture he told him** the good news about Jesus. (Acts 8:35)

For no one can lay **a foundation** other than that which is laid, which is **Jesus Christ**. (1 Cor 3:11)

So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, **built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets**, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, (Eph 2:19-20)

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When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ, which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed to His holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit. (Eph 3:4-5)

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But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. (Jhn 14:26)

**JESUS  
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“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, He will guide you into all the truth, for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak, and He will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify Me, for He will take what is mine and declare it to you. (Jhn 16:12-14)

For I have not spoken on My own authority, but the Father who sent Me has Himself given Me a commandment—what to say and what to speak. (Jhn 12:49)

**JESUS' REQUEST WAS AUTHORIZED  
BY THE FATHER**

For when God made a promise to Abraham, since He had no one greater by whom to swear, He swore by Himself, (Heb 6:13)

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Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever receives the one I send receives Me, and whoever receives Me receives the One who sent Me. (Jhn 13:20)

For I am not ashamed of **the gospel**, for **it is the power of God for salvation** to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. (Rom 1:16)

For by grace you have been **saved through faith**. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, (Eph 2:8)

So **faith comes from hearing**, and hearing through **the word of Christ**.  
(Romans 10:17)