

## Be a Part of the Kingdom of God.

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**Service Opening:** [Psa 22:22-26 KJV] 22 I will declare thy name unto my brethren: in the midst of the congregation will I praise thee. 23 Ye that fear the LORD, praise him; all ye the seed of Jacob, glorify him; and fear him, all ye the seed of Israel. 24 For he hath not despised nor abhorred the affliction of the afflicted; neither hath he hid his face from him; but when he cried unto him, he heard. 25 My praise [shall be] of thee in the great congregation: I will pay my vows before them that fear him. 26 The meek shall eat and be satisfied: they shall praise the LORD that seek him: your heart shall live for ever.

### **Slides 4-6. According to Lifeway Research in 2022: ([research.lifeway.com](https://www.research.lifeway.com))**

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There are fewer atheists around the world today (147 million) than in 1970 (165 million), according to the 2022 Status of Global Christianity report.

In 1900, less than 1 million people around the world identified as Pentecostal or charismatic Christians. By 2050, that number will top 1 billion, according to the 2022 Status of Global Christianity report.

The places where Christianity is growing the fastest? Africa (2.77% growth) and Asia (1.50%). **In 2000, 814 million Christians lived in Europe and North America**, while **660 million Christians** called **Africa and Asia** home. This year, **838 million live in the global North**, while **almost 1.1 billion Christians live in Africa and Asia alone**.

**In 1900, more than half of the world's population (54.3%) was unevangelized.** That has now fallen to **28%**, according to the 2022 Status of Global Christianity report.

This year, **93 million copies of God's word will be printed**, up from **54 million in 2000** and **5 million in 1900**. **By 2025, 100 million Bibles will be printed each year.** **Currently, almost 1.8 billion Bibles are in circulation around the world. That will climb to 2.3 billion by 2050.**

**Slide 7. Text:** [Mar 4:11 KJV] 11 And he said unto them, Unto you it is given to know the mystery of the kingdom of God: but unto them that are without, all [these] things are done in parables:

[Mar 9:1 KJV] 1 And he said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That there be some of them that stand here, which shall not taste of death, till they have seen the kingdom of God come with power.

### **Slide 8. The Lord Jesus Christ is the Leader and Provider**

## **There is no other God.**

[Isa 45:5-6, 21 NKJV] 5 I [am] the LORD, and [there is] no other; [There is] no God besides Me. I will gird you, though you have not known Me, 6 That they may know from the rising of the sun to its setting That [there is] none besides Me. I [am] the LORD, and [there is] no other; ... 21 Tell and bring forth [your case]; Yes, let them take counsel together. Who has declared this from ancient time? [Who] has told it from that time? [Have] not I, the LORD? And [there is] no other God besides Me, A just God and a Savior; [There is] none besides Me.

## **Slide 9. Provider for Israel and for the Church**

[Phi 4:19 KJV] 19 But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

[Mat 6:31-32 KJV] 31 Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? 32 (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things.

[Gen 22:14 KJV] 14 And Abraham called the name of that place Jehovahjireh: as it is said [to] this day, In the mount of the LORD it shall be seen.

**Jesus fed 5,000 men plus women and children with five loaves and two fish. There were 12 basketfuls of leftovers taken up.**

## **Slide 10. The More We Know, the More we Grow**

[Jhn 17:2-3 KJV] 2 As thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him. 3 And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.

**Slide 11. Dr. Danny Kellum, Headmaster of Donelson Christian Academy, wrote: according to the Quartermaster General in the Army here are some Exodus logistics**

**Slide 12. Food - A rough estimate: If there were approximately 2,000,000 to 3,000,000 people, it is estimated that they needed 1500 tons of food per day. That would require two freight trains each a mile long every day.**

**Slide 13. Water for drinking and dishes, etc – 11 million gallons per day. Freight train with tank cars 1,800 miles long.**

Wood – 4,000 tons of wood per day. More freight trains each a mile long per day.

Red Sea Crossing – It would take a gap several thousand abreast to get across in one night. A line of two by two would be 800 miles long.

**Slide 14. Camping – Each time they camped, they needed a campground with estimates ranging from 10 square miles to hundreds of square miles. Lawton OK 81 Square miles with 90,000 population.**

**Slide 15.**

40 Years, 2 to 3 Million People				
Item	Tons/Gallons Per Day	Tons/Gallons Per Month	Tons/Gallons Per Year	40 Years
Food	1,500	45,000	540,000	21,600,000
Water	11,000,000	330,000,000	3,960,000,000	158,400,000,000
Wood	4,000	120,000	1,440,000	57,600,000

**Slide 16.** Almost 336 million in America. The US expects to experience a birth every 9 seconds and a death every 9.5 seconds. Estimates made of how many are Christian are around 60%. 50 years ago it was 90%.

### **Slide 17.** All Things Belong to God.

[Pro 16:4 KJV] 4 The LORD hath made all [things] for himself: yea, even the wicked for the day of evil.

[Pro 26:10 KJV] 10 The great [God] that formed all [things] both rewardeth the fool, and rewardeth transgressors.

[Pro 28:5 KJV] 5 Evil men understand not judgment: but they that seek the LORD understand all [things].

### **Slide 18.** God's Plans Always Work.

First he brought 10 plagues upon Egypt which he told Moses about in Exodus Chapter 4.

[Exo 4:23 KJV] 23 And I say unto thee, Let my son go, that he may serve me: and if thou refuse to let him go, behold, I will slay thy son, [even] thy firstborn.

[Exo 7:3-4 KJV] 3 And I will harden Pharaoh's heart, and multiply my signs and my wonders in the land of Egypt. 4 But Pharaoh shall not hearken unto you, that I may lay my hand upon Egypt, and bring forth mine armies, [and] my people the children of Israel, out of the land of Egypt by great judgments.

### **Slide 19.** At the beginning of the plan.

[Exo 5:22-23 KJV] 22 And Moses returned unto the LORD, and said, Lord, wherefore hast thou [so] evil entreated this people? why [is] it [that] thou hast sent me? 23 For since I came to Pharaoh to speak in thy name, he hath done evil to this people; neither hast thou delivered thy people at all.

### **Slide 20.** God's Response.

[Exo 6:1-3 KJV] 1 Then the LORD said unto Moses, Now shalt thou see what I will do to Pharaoh: for with a strong hand shall he let them go, and with a strong hand shall he drive them out of his land. 2 And God spake unto Moses, and said unto him, I [am] the LORD: 3 And I appeared unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob, by [the name of] God Almighty, but by my name JEHOVAH was I not known to them.

### **Slide 21.** Father full of mercy and grace and unending Love

[2Co 1:3-4 KJV] 3 Blessed [be] God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort; 4 Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God.

[2Co 1:3-6 NLT] 3 All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is our merciful Father and the source of all comfort. 4 He comforts us in all our troubles so that we can comfort others. When

they are troubled, we will be able to give them the same comfort God has given us. 5 For the more we suffer for Christ, the more God will shower us with his comfort through Christ. 6 Even when we are weighed down with troubles, it is for your comfort and salvation! For when we ourselves are comforted, we will certainly comfort you. Then you can patiently endure the same things we suffer.

## **Slide 22. Christ the Head of the Church, the Messiah**

[Mat 16:15-19 KJV] 15 He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am? 16 And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God. 17 And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed [it] unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven. 18 And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. 19 And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

## **Slide 23. Holy Spirit Comforts, leads, guides and teaches us.**

[Jhn 14:26 KJV] 26 But the Comforter, [which is] the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

[Act 13:2, 4 KJV] 2 As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them. ... 4 So they, being sent forth by the Holy Ghost, departed unto Seleucia; and from thence they sailed to Cyprus.

[Act 15:28 KJV] 28 For it seemed good to the Holy Ghost, and to us, to lay upon you no greater burden than these necessary things;

[Act 16:6 KJV] 6 Now when they had gone throughout Phrygia and the region of Galatia, and were forbidden of the Holy Ghost to preach the word in Asia,

## **Slide 24. Those who miss out on the Kingdom of God.**

[Mar 10:24 KJV] 24 And the disciples were astonished at his words. But Jesus answereth again, and saith unto them, Children, **how hard is it for them that trust in riches to enter into the kingdom of God!**

[Luk 9:27, 62 KJV] 27 But I tell you of a truth, there be some standing here, which shall not taste of death, till they see the kingdom of God. ... **62 And Jesus said unto him, No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.**

[Luk 9:28-36 KJV] 28 And it came to pass about an eight days after these sayings, he took Peter and John and James, and went up into a mountain to pray. 29 And as he prayed, the fashion of his countenance was altered, and his raiment [was] white [and] glistening. 30 And, behold, there talked with him two men, which were Moses and Elias: 31 Who appeared in glory, and spake of his decease which he should accomplish at Jerusalem. 32 But Peter and they that were with him were heavy with sleep: and when they were awake, they saw his glory, and the two men that stood with him. 33 And it came to pass, as they departed from him, Peter said unto Jesus, Master, it is good for us to be here: and let us make three tabernacles; one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elias: not knowing what he said. 34 While he thus spake, there came a cloud, and overshadowed them: and they feared as they entered into the cloud. 35 And there came a voice out of the cloud, saying, This is my beloved

Son: hear him. 36 And when the voice was past, Jesus was found alone. And they kept [it] close, and told no man in those days any of those things which they had seen.

## **Slide 25. Where is the Kingdom of God**

[Luk 17:20-21 KJV] 20 And when he was demanded of the Pharisees, when the kingdom of God should come, he answered them and said, The kingdom of God cometh not with observation: 21 Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there! for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you.

## **Slide 26. Describe the Kingdom of God**

[Luk 13:18-21 KJV] 18 Then said he, Unto what is the kingdom of God like? and whereunto shall I resemble it? 19 It is like a grain of mustard seed, which a man took, and cast into his garden; and it grew, and waxed a great tree; and the fowls of the air lodged in the branches of it. 20 And again he said, Whereunto shall I liken the kingdom of God? 21 It is like leaven, which a woman took and hid in three measures of meal, till the whole was leavened.

**Slide 27. As Christianity continues to grow in the global South, it is also becoming increasingly less concentrated. In 1900, 95% of all Christians lived in a majority Christian country. In 2022, that number has fallen to 53.7%. By 2050, most Christians (50.4%) around the world will live in non-majority Christian nations.**

**Slide 28.** [2Co 1:8-10 KJV] 8 For we would not, brethren, have you ignorant of our trouble which came to us in Asia, that we were pressed out of measure, above strength, insomuch that we despaired even of life: 9 But we had the sentence of death in ourselves, that we should not trust in ourselves, but in God which raiseth the dead: 10 Who delivered us from so great a death, and doth deliver: in whom we trust that he will yet deliver [us];

[2Co 1:8-10 NLT] 8 We think you ought to know, dear brothers and sisters, about the trouble we went through in the province of Asia. We were crushed and overwhelmed beyond our ability to endure, and we thought we would never live through it. 9 In fact, we expected to die. But as a result, we stopped relying on ourselves and learned to rely only on God, who raises the dead. 10 And he did rescue us from mortal danger, and he will rescue us again. We have placed our confidence in him, and he will continue to rescue us.

**Slide 29. In 2000, the Status of Global Christianity marked a rate of 1.6 million Christians martyrs over a 10-year period—the high mark of their report. In 2022, they estimate the decade long number to be 900,000.**

# Love

## Greek Words for Love

Philautia – Self Love: You cannot share what you do not have.

**Eros** – Romantic Love.

**Phileo** - Phileo is the word used to convey a closeness and fondness that develops as two people choose to befriend each other, and who work to build a relationship.

Epithumia: Although our English word Love does not appear in scripture when Epithumia is used, it is included in this list because Epithumia is the word mostly translated as desire or craving. Epithumia portrays a picture of healthy and focused desire as desire and passion are directed toward one's spouse, to share in, learn about and enjoy the presence, work and fruit

**Storge:** to “cherish affectionately,” and Storge conveys the picture of the type of love a parent has for his or her children; love which demonstrates care to and for them, provides for their needs, and is distinguished by affection, comfort, nurturance and a commitment for their safety, their development and their survival.

**Agape:** Agape is the word that defines the unique quality of love demonstrated from God to us, us to ourselves, and is the behavioral expression of love you're encouraged to share interpersonally as you consider and work toward the overall well-being of your “neighbors.” Agape is action-oriented and is distinguished by the unconditional expression of love, acceptance, honor, cherishing, value, esteem and devotion you provide to the recipient. Agape is compassionate and merciful in its expression, and it informs and guides your thoughts, feelings, behavior, and experiences