

OFFERING

THE AMERICAN DREAM

*Dangerous Assumption can lead to a Dangerous and Fatal Goal

*The dangerous assumption is that our greatest asset in **OUR** ability. The American Dream prizes what people can accomplish when they put their minds to it, when they believe in themselves, trust in themselves.

*The **GOSPEL** beckons us to die to ourselves and to believe in God and trust in his power. The bible says that we cannot accomplish anything of value apart from him, John 15:5.

*The goal of the American Dream is to make much of us, the goal of the Gospel is to make much of God.

*God delights in exalting our inability - 2 Corinthians 12:7-9

GOD'S DREAM

***Why did God create us?** We were created by God to enjoy his grace. We were made in the image or God and therefore we have the capacity, only us not your dog or cat, to enjoy God in intimate relationship with him. Genesis 1:26-28—To Bless and be a Blessing

*The first thing Gods says is "blessed" but he gave us his image for a reason – so that we might multiply his image throughout the world. Not just to enjoy a relationship with him but to extend his glory to the ends of the earth. Enjoy a relationship with him and make his name great.

*God is seen pouring out his grace on his people for the sake of His glory among everyone.

-Abraham.—Genesis 12:1-3

-Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego – Daniel 3:28-29

-Psalm 23:3, Psalm 67, Isaiah 43:1-13

-Ezekiel 34:22-23 - He shows his mercy, grace and justice for his name and no other.

-The Church - Matthew 28:19-20, Mark 16:15, Luke 24:47-49, Acts 1:8

-Heaven - Revelation 7:9-10

GOD'S DREAM REALIZED?

*God has a global purpose. But has the Church bought into God's Dream or the American Dream?

*What is the Message of Christianity?

- God loves me by sending his son to die for me?

*If that is all there is then God's message is all about **ME**.

*The biblical message is that God does indeed love me and everyone else so

'American dream . . . in which each man and each woman shall be able to attain to the fullest stature of which they are innately capable, and be recognized by others for what they are.' James Truslow Adams 1931

The American Dream:

*We can do anything we set our minds to accomplish.

*There is no limit to what we can accomplish when we combine ingenuity, imagination, and innovation with skill and hard work.

John 15:5 (NIV)

(5) "I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.

Genesis 1:28 (NIV)

(28) God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it.

that I might make His ways known, His salvation, His glory, His greatness known among the nations, among everyone else. We are not the end of the gospel . . . **HE IS!**

TRUTH . . .

*God's dream is for the **WORLD** not just America.

*Population of the World **6,978,100,000**

*1/3 claims to be Christian

*4.5 Billion are facing a Christ-less Eternity

*1 Billion have never heard the name of Jesus.

*So does this mean until the billion hear the gospel according to Revelation 7:9-10 Jesus will not return?

WHAT ARE WE TO OFFER?

*Offering ourselves to God for His Service – Romans 6:13, 19, Romans 12:1, Hebrews 13:15, 1 Peter 2:5

*Paul being poured out like a drink offering to God – Philippians 2:17, 2 Timothy 4:6

WHAT IF?

*What if we were to offer all that we are to making God's name great among the nations? What would change with our time, money, resources, talents? Where would we go?

NOTES:

Romans 6:13 (NIV)

(13) Do not offer the parts of your body to sin, as instruments of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God, as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer the parts of your body to him as instruments of righteousness.

Romans 6:19 (NIV)

(19) I put this in human terms because you are weak in your natural selves. Just as you used to offer the parts of your body in slavery to impurity and to ever-increasing wickedness, so now offer them in slavery to righteousness leading to holiness.

Romans 12:1 (NIV)

(1) Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God--this is your spiritual act of worship.

Hebrews 13:15 (NIV)

(15) Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise--the fruit of lips that confess his name.

1 Peter 2:5 (NIV)

(5) you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

"every nation, tribe, people and language"?