

Mt. 28:16-20

A NEW *Beginning*



LOOK TO THE CROSS FOR ETERNAL HOPE

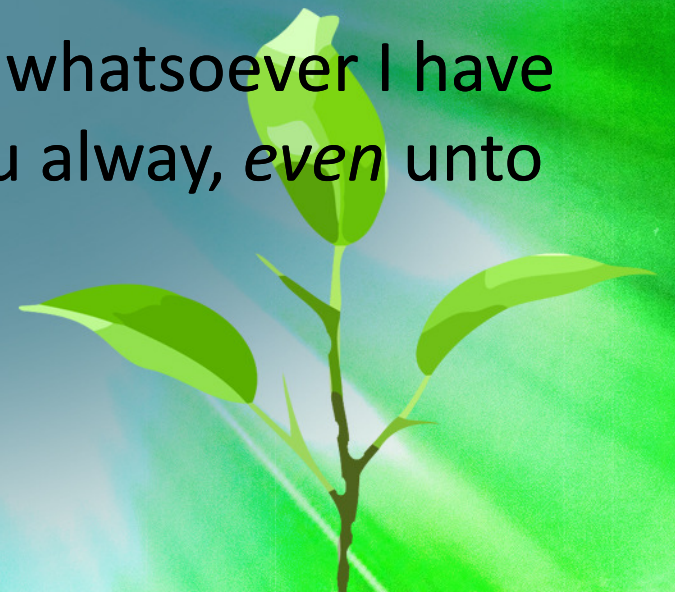
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*The great need and work of church planting
Where to begin*

To properly understand *church planting*, one must have a proper, Scriptural understanding of Ecclesiology. Simply put, the Lord Jesus Christ stated that He had authority (Mt. 28:18) and gave it to the first church to carry out the *Great Commission*.

A simple summary for church planting – CHURCHES START CHURCHES.

PRAYER

PARTNERING WITH A MAN CALLED OF GOD

BE PREPARED TO FACE OPPOSITION

“Then came Amalek” – Ex. 17:8



- The first church, which Jesus founded, faced opposition
- The Apostle Paul faced opposition
- The spiritual opposition, Acts 13:6, 8, 10
- The political opposition, Acts 13:7
- The religious opposition, Acts 13:6, 10
- The personal opposition, Acts 13:5
- Put on the “whole armor of God” (Eph. 6:10-18) and walk by faith!



What should we do next about church planting?

PREPARATION TO BEGIN

I. THE FOUNDATION

A. The Practical

- Keep the “Main Thing” the MAIN THING!

1 Cor. 10:31b “...whatsoever ye do, **do all to the glory of God.**”



A GOOD NAME

Prov. 22:1 A *good* name *is* rather to be chosen than great riches, *and* loving favour rather than silver and gold.

Eccl. 7:1 “A good name *is* better than precious ointment...”

A “precious ointment” means well-valued, gives soothing enjoyment, even smells good!



While praying about the birth of a new church, a name must be considered. The name may be directly related to the “mother church” or identifiable with the area where the new church will be located. The name will become the identifiable entity of the congregation. Such choice should be bathed in prayer and yet practical for the location.

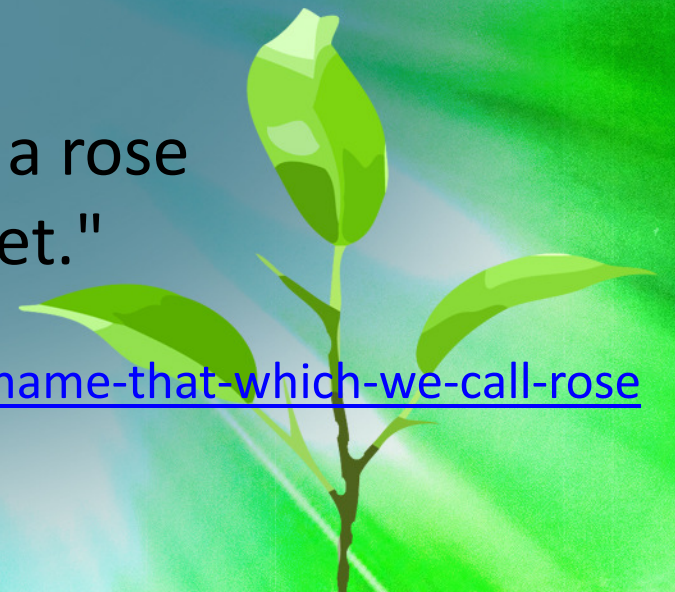
What about “nebulous” names?

Juliet:

"What's in a name? That which we call a rose
By any other name would smell as sweet."

[Romeo and Juliet \(II, ii, 1-2\)](#)

<http://www.enotes.com/shakespeare-quotes/what-s-name-that-which-we-call-rose>



- Location! Location! Location!

Visibility

Accessibility

Parking

- Scheduling

Service times

Evangelism

Ministry Teams



- Advertising

Logo (branding)

Electronic media

Stationery

Printed materials: tracts, posters, signage,

- Support

Eccl. 10:19 “...but money answereth all *things*.”

“...the borrower is servant to the lender.” (Proverbs 22:7b).

#1 – Acknowledge God's Ownership (I Chronicles 29:11-12)

#2 – Establish a Budget (Proverbs 16:3, 1 Cor. 14:40, Lu. 14:28)

#3 – Keep Giving & Saving at the Top (Proverbs 3:9, I Timothy 6:18)

#4 – Get Out of Debt ASAP! (Proverbs 22:7, Rom. 13:8)

#5 – Avoid Indulgence and Hasty Decisions (Luke 12:15, Proverbs 21:5)

#6 – Establish Goals (Habakkuk 2:2)

#7 – Learn Contentment (Philippians 4:11, Hebrews 13:5, Colossians 3:15)



B. The Legal

- Doctrinal Statement
- Constitution and By-Laws
- Incorporation

Churches, properly defined, are considered to be *tax-exempt* organizations. Legal advice should be pursued with regard to individual state requirements regarding incorporation, 501(c)(3).

C. The Spiritual

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- Evangelization
- Edification
- Education



Eph. 4:11 And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;

12 For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:

13 Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:

14 That we *henceforth* be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, *and* cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;

15 But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, *even* Christ:

16 From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.

II. FAITH

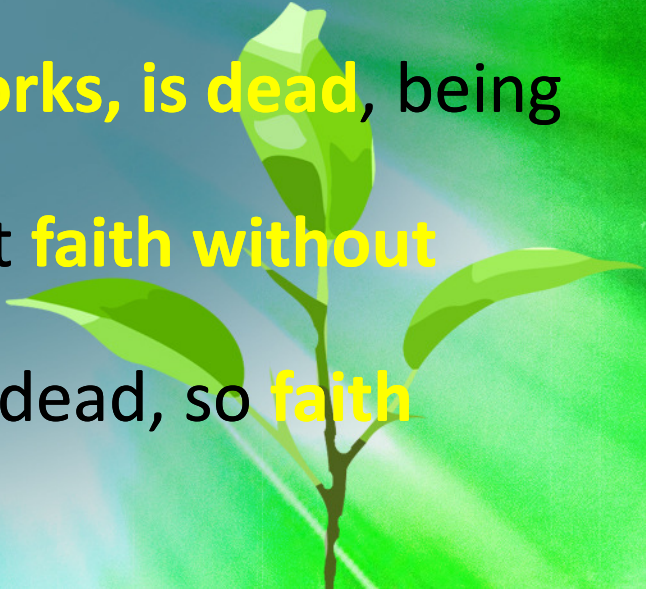
1 Thess. 1:3 Remembering without ceasing your **work of faith, and labour of love**, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, in the sight of God and our Father;

2 Thess. 1:11 Wherefore also we pray always for you, that our God would count you **worthy of this calling**, and fulfil all the good pleasure of *his* goodness, and **the work of faith with power**:

Jas. 2:17 Even so **faith, if it hath not works, is dead**, being alone. ...

20 But wilt thou know, O vain man, that **faith without works is dead?** ...

26 For as the body without the spirit is dead, so **faith without works is dead** also.



Heb. 11:6 **But without faith *it is impossible to please him*:**
for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and *that*
he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

Gal. 5:6 “...**faith...worketh by love.**”



Conclusion

2 Cor. 5:6 Therefore *we are* always confident, knowing that, whilst we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord:

7 (For **we walk by faith, not by sight:**)

8 We are confident, *I say*, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord.

9 Wherefore **we labour, that, whether present or absent, we may be accepted of him.**

10 For **we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ;** that every one may receive the things *done* in *his* body, according to that he hath done, whether *it be* good or bad.

11 Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men; but we are made manifest unto God; and I trust also are made manifest in your consciences.