

Pass it on



the Church

Time for *Metanoia* - change the way we think



Jesus Relationships Life Action

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What is the church

Called out ones

Ekklesia – ‘called out ones’

ekklesia, derived ek-kaleo, which was used for the summons to the army to assemble, from kaleo, to call (5th cent. B.C.), and denotes in the usage of antiquity the popular assembly of the competent full citizens of the polis, city.

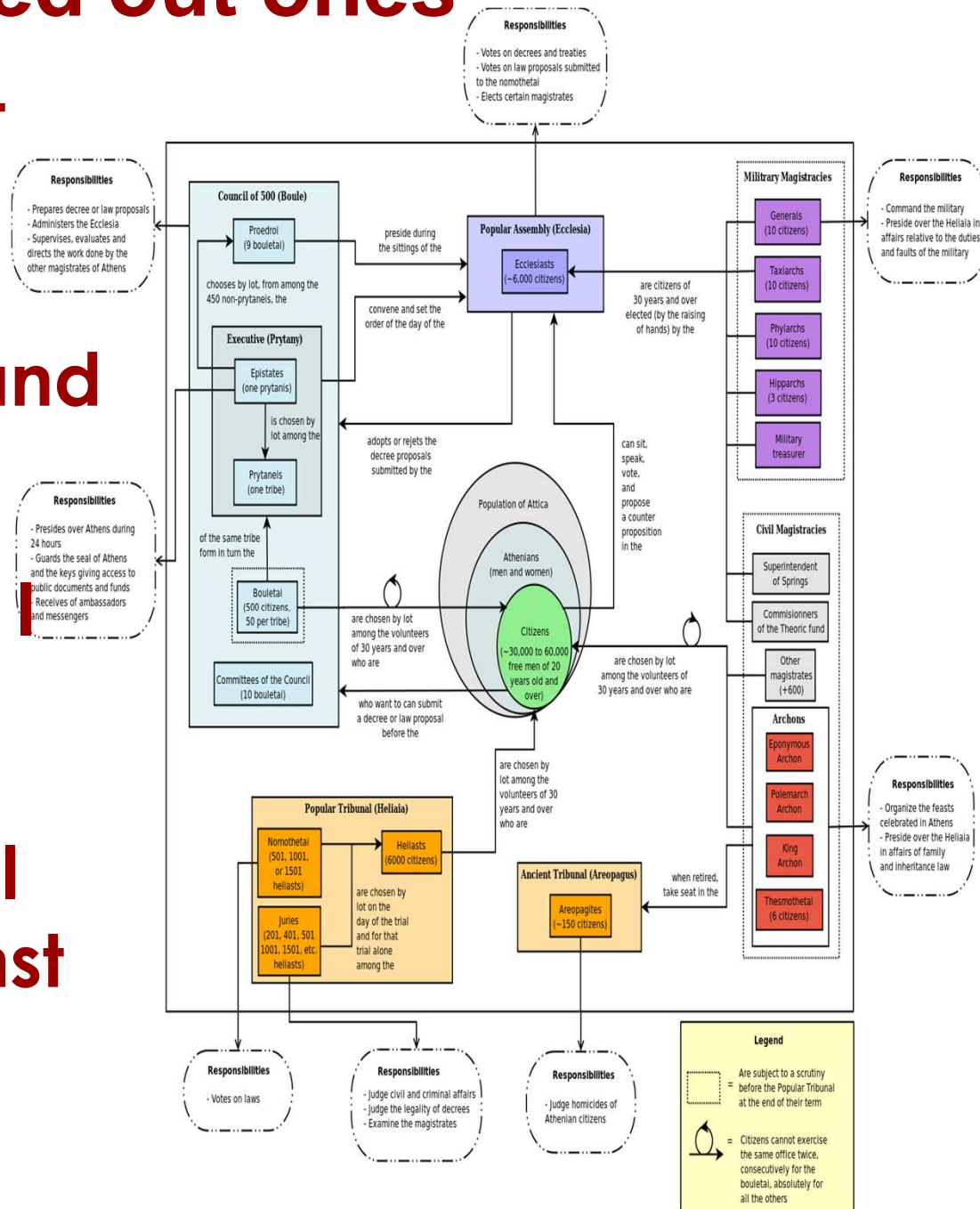
- Greek context Military , Community, Political Body
- Highest authority in Greek Socio-Political context
- Place of greatest allegiance and greatest authority



Ekklesia – Called out ones

Place of greatest allegiance/
belonging and
greatest power and
authority

‘and on this rock I
will build my
church, and the
gates of hell shall
not prevail against
it’ Matt 16v18



Called out ones - Called to God

The Bride of Christ

The body of Christ

Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these Jn 21 v15

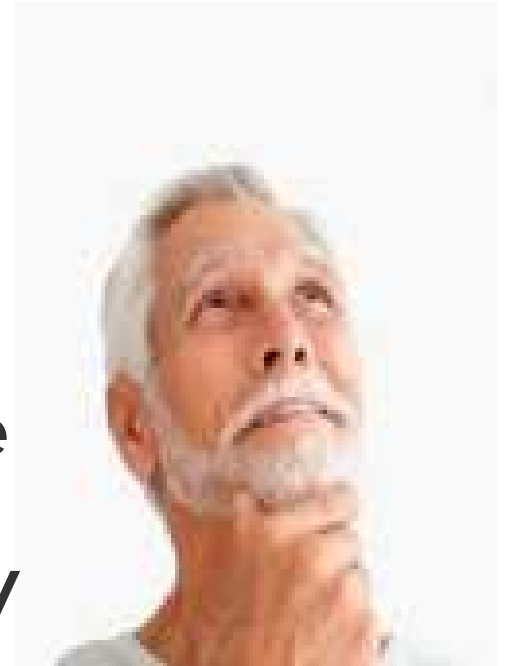
- To Him and for Him
- Out of the world
- New deeper relationship than anyone else
- Call greater than family, tribe or culture
- Love above all...



Called to God – early church

The Letter to Diognetus,, AD 130 : "They dwell in their own countries simply as sojourners.... They are in the flesh, but they do not live after the flesh. They pass their days on earth, but they are citizens of heaven. They obey the prescribed laws, and at the same time, they surpass the laws by their lives.

They love all men but are persecuted by all. They are unknown and condemned. They are put to death, but [will be] restored to life. They are poor, yet they make many rich. They possess few things; yet, they abound in all. They are dishonored, but in their very dishonor are glorified.... And those who hate them are unable to give any reason for their hatred."



Called out ones -Called to Community

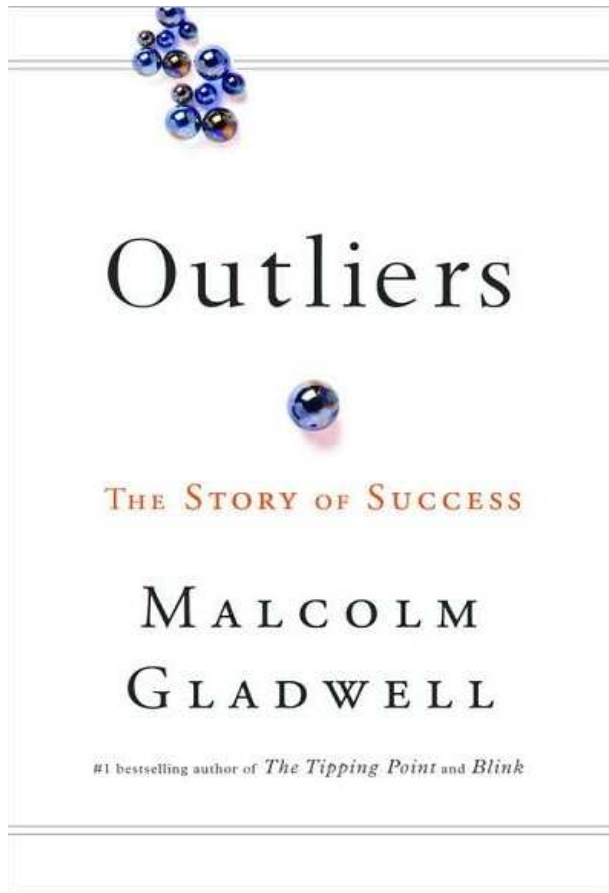
1 John 3:14 We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love each other. Anyone who does not love remains in death.

- Acts 2 Fellowship
- Sharing all they have
- Meeting in homes and in the temple

Called into community
Jesus creates

How can you say you
love God...





Roseto

Mystery:

Stewart Wolf

No suicide

No alcoholism

No drug addiction

No unemployment

Death rate 35%

lower in all

categories

Men over 65 years

50 % lower death

rate

Why ?

Not Genetics

Not Diet

Not Geography

**But a loving
church
centered
community**

Called to Community



- Lonely in families Ps 68
- No suing-no fighting
- To relationships clean and pure Mt 18, Mt 5
- View no man according to the flesh
- Iron sharpens Iron

You be Jesus

“I like your Christ, I do not like your Christians. Your Christians are so unlike your Christ.” - Mahatma Gandhi

Called to action

Acts 28 v30 For two whole years Paul stayed there in his own rented house and welcomed all who came to see him. 31 He proclaimed the kingdom of God and taught about the Lord Jesus Christ—with all boldness and without hindrance.....



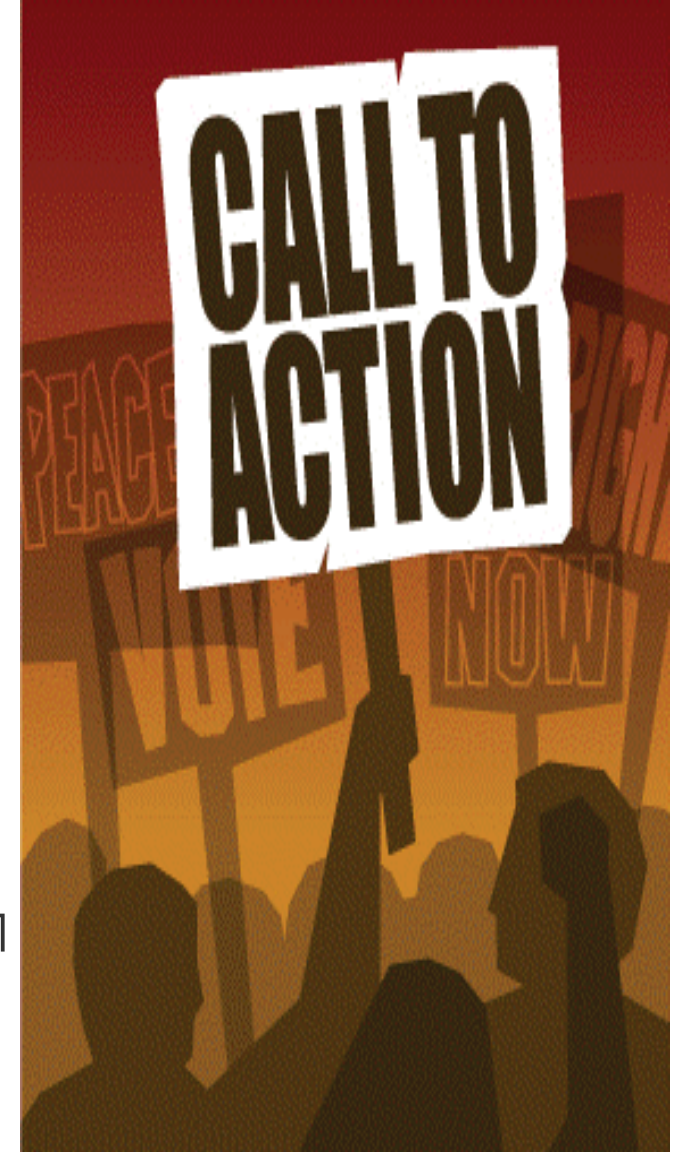
ACTS 29

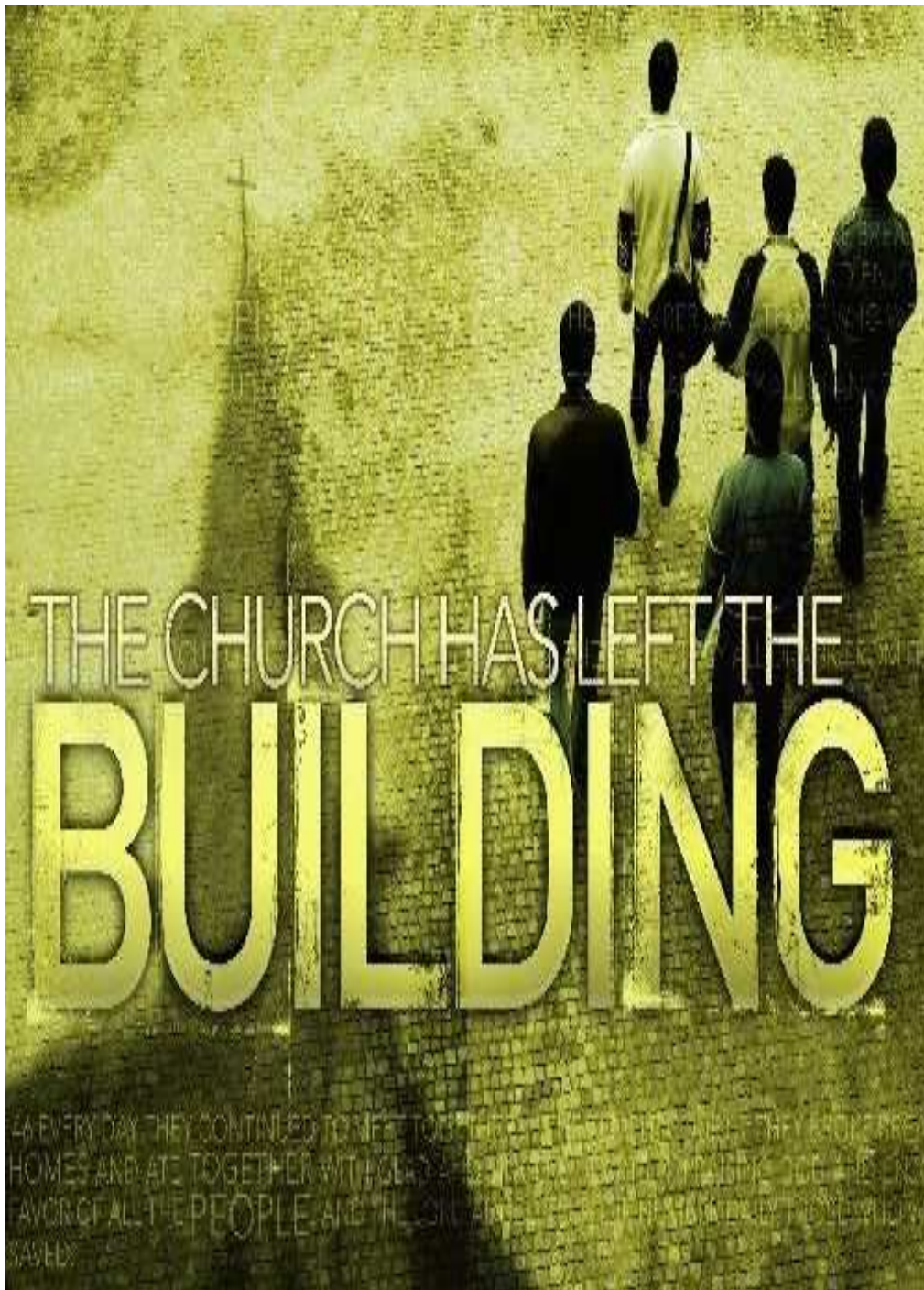
THE STORY CONTINUES.....

... ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN ...

Called to action – To reach and influence

- **Make disciples- whole New testament**
Every day they met together in the temple courtyard. In their homes they broke bread and ate together. Their hearts were glad and honest and true. Acts 2v46 **Connect Groups**
- **To serve** 1 Cor. 12:4-27; Eph 4:7, 11-12; 1 Pet. 4:10-11
- **To tithe and give** 1 Corinthians 16:1, 2; 2 Corinthians 8, 9; Hebrews 7:8
- **To Pray** ‘That's why we have not stopped praying for you ‘ Col 1v9





- The Church is not where we go , its who we are
- The Church is not about dead bricks but about Living Stones being fitted together by the Lord

Called out ones

Ekklesia – called out ones



**Get Healed-
renewed**

**Hear Acknowledge
the call**

To Him

To Community

To Action

