

Reached and unreached; IMB 11,310 people groups
 6405 unreached
 3100 unengaged

The number of unchurched people in America would make the 8th most populous country in the world.¹

114,000,000 plus 42,000,000 children ('not attended a Christian church service except for wedding, funeral, at any time in last 6 months')

-325,000,000 population of the USA

The Temple.

Put very simply, it is a building full of symbols that teach at least the following;

1. God's presence with His people, and His holiness.
2. The Requirement of blood for forgiveness of Sin.
3. The necessity of a holy and clean priesthood to mediate the needs of sinners to God.
4. His provision and sustenance for His people.
5. The constant prayer to Him for His people (symbolized by the incense).
6. His holiness and our sinfulness raised another degree in the Holy of Holies, separate from even common priesthood.
 - The Ark with the Law, the Mercy Seat where blood atonement was made and God saw with pleasure the blood of atonement over the Law that would require the life of every sinner.
7. The very presence of God's glory. Terrible and wonderful.

Why Restore the Temple? Recall the handout and ...

1 Chr 17:21- And who is like Your people Israel, the one nation on the earth whom God went to redeem for Himself as a people—to make for Yourself a name by great and awesome deeds, by driving out nations from before Your people whom You redeemed from Egypt?

-What was the point of Israel's glory? God's great name, His power and glory.

2 Kgs 23:26–27 "26 However, the Lord did not turn from the fierceness of His great wrath with which His anger burned against Judah, because of all the provocations with which Manasseh had provoked Him.

27 The Lord said, "I will remove Judah also from My sight, as I have removed Israel. And I will cast off Jerusalem, this city which I have chosen, and the temple of which I said, 'My name shall be there.'"

-To restore the place where His name dwelt

Ps 26:8 "O LORD, I love the habitation of Your house And the place where Your glory dwells."

-To restore the place where His glory dwells

The Church: God has ordained for the creation of, the care of 1 body of believers, purchased with the unsurpassably rich currency of His Son's own blood- to the end that this Church would be brought to glorious perfection and holiness and beauty aside from anything else in the world, while purposing this church to hold, demonstrate, protect and advance His truth in the world, and to worlds invisible to us.

Acts 20:28 Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood.

The Christ has established caretakers for 1 task in all the earth, care taking for something so precious and valuable that the blood of the only Son of God was not too expensive an exchange for securing it (the church).

Eph 5:27- that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish.

No other object is so unique, privileged, or prioritized as to be the object of His own work to the effect of causing the most rebellious and ignoble to become the height of beauty, admiration and spiritual perfection.

1 Tim 3:15- but if I am delayed, I write so that you may know how you ought to conduct yourself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth.

the highest office of God's ordained 'leaders' wrote to one end, conduct in 'church of living God, conduct in/at the only "creation" we know as the pillar and ground of truth'

Matt 16:18- And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.

This announces, there is a rock, it is a cornerstone if you will, from which the Christ is building an "ecclesia", and Hades gates will not overcome. The Christ has begun an indomitable 'church' and the city of the most threatening, aggressive, subversive and conniving established opposition- will not defeat His work.

1 Cor. 12:28 And God has appointed these in the church: first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, administrations, varieties of tongues.

Christ's intent for His church is so singular, that it is the only organization for which He arranged, organized and appointed any organization or officers.

Eph 3:10- to the intent that now the manifold wisdom of God might be made known by the church to the principalities and powers in the heavenly places,

His purposes in the church are so exalted, that we know of no other agency that is to be used for and is designed for the purpose of showing off His 'manifold wisdom' to the principalities and powers in the heavenly places. No other creation is destined for such a task.

Col 1:24 I now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up in my flesh what is lacking in the afflictions of Christ, for the sake of His body, which is the church,

the Church is the only object properly 'served' with unequalled priority- not called idolatry or unfaithfulness, but properly called serving His body, called serving for the sake of Him.

Col 1:18- And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence.

He is the only declared 'head' of this purchased and protected and wonderfully predestined church
Parable of the Talents

¹ <https://www.barna.com/research/10-facts-about-americas-churchless/>