

## The 3 stages of a Jewish wedding.

1. Engagement (Faith in Christ-Accepting)
  - a. Bride and her parents accepting a covenant of marriage
  - b. Dowry was a price paid, but to bless the family and replace her help and income to the family. Think redeeming rather than property.
2. The Groom would go to "prepare a place". Then come back with a "shout" along with a procession to receive his bride.
3. The wedding feast along with a multi-day celebration.

## **Main point this morning is, We have ONE Mission**

### **Read Vs. 20**

#### **a. The Message of our Mission is the Gospel -The Gospel**

#### **"The gospel ain't gospel until it is spread**

*But how can you share it where you've got your head  
There's hands that reach out for a hand if you would  
So heavenly minded, you're no earthly good" <sup>1</sup>*

It's NEWS. It's not a life well lived, though that is an implication of the Gospel. It's not the good works you do, though that's a response to the Gospel. It's a message. It's not Good News unless it's communicated. You can't love people to salvation without stating the message of Gospel.

-To be clear, people are softened by our love, our good works backup our words, and a life well lived can cause people to listen, but it is the proclamation of Good News that transfer a soul from darkness to light!

### **FULL SLIDE**

For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."  
How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uRkdqnyBeO8>

unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!” Romans 10:13-15

*What is the message of our mission? What is this “Good News”?*

Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.

For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, 1 Corinthians 15:1-4

What we say is what people need to believe to be saved.

## **FULL VIDEO**

### **The Motivation of our Mission is Love Read vs. 23 & 26**

**-This is why the Greatest commandment is to Love God and Love others.**

Vs. 26, -“... that the love with which you have loved me may be in them.”

Your cup is full.

Picture your soul like a cup before Jesus, It’s empty with holes and our pursuit to fill it looks like this.

With Jesus (New cup)

## **We have ONE Mission**

The word “One” just it’s understanding from Duet. 6:4. “Hear oh Isreal...”

“Echod” - One in the many.

Greek- Heis *Hay-ss* A thought particularly expressed by the emphatic εἷς is that everything depends on one thing, that man’s whole way and future are decided by one question. NT thinking is neither individual nor collective, but organic. God’s will is directed neither to the isolated soul nor the mass as such, but always to the conditioned and conditioning member of a unit—the house, the people, the race, creation <sup>2</sup>

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<sup>2</sup> Stauffer, E. (1964–). εἷς. G. Kittel, G. W. Bromiley, & G. Friedrich (Eds.), *Theological dictionary of the New Testament* (electronic ed., Vol. 2, p. 435). Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans

-Not individual, but Y'all!

Our ONE mission is Jesus' Mission; to be unified in the Message and Motivation of that Mission. To seek and save the lost. To fulfill the great commission, to exist for people to find and follow Jesus! God sent Jesus. And Jesus Sends us!

Read vs. 20-26

It all culminates at this... The table. Make a BIG deal of the TABLE

-A type and shadow of the GREAT Wedding Feast.

### 1. Engagement

a. Bride and her parents accepting a covenant of marriage  
(Faith in Christ-Accepting)

b. Dowry was a price paid, and the Father paid the ultimate price by giving us his son.

2. The Groom would go to "prepare a place". Jesus says, *"Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you I go prepare a place?"*

Then come back with a "shout" along with a procession to receive his bride. Jesus is coming back, y'all.

3. The wedding feast along with a multi-day celebration.

And the angel said to me, "Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb." And he said to me, "These are the true words of God." Revelation 19:9

Set up Communion

-Break Bread.

Our Mission is ONE, Our message is the Gospel, our motivation is Love.

## Main Point-We Have ONE Mission

Key Words-"in" 8x, "love" 5x, "one" 4x, "give" 4x,

Key Verse-Vs. 21

FCF-Not living/believing "IN" these truths

General   God   Key Words   Command   Truth   Sin

[20] "I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, [21] **that they may all be one**, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, **so that the world may believe that you have sent me.** [22] The glory that you have given me I have given to them, **that they may be one even as we are one,** [23] I in them and you in me, **that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me.** [24] Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. [25] O righteous Father, even though the world does not know you, I know you, and these know that you have sent me. [26] I made known to them your name, and I will continue to make it known, **that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.**"