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Advancing the Gospel

Philippians 1:12-18



¹² But I would ye should understand, brethren, that the things *which happened* unto me have fallen out rather unto the furtherance of the gospel; ¹³ So that my bonds in Christ are manifest in all the palace, and in all other *places*; ¹⁴ And many of the brethren in the Lord, waxing confident by my bonds, are much more bold to speak the word without fear. ¹⁵ Some indeed preach Christ even of envy and strife; and some also of good will: ¹⁶ The one preach Christ of contention, not sincerely, supposing to add affliction to my bonds: ¹⁷ But the other of love, knowing that I am set for the defense of the gospel. ¹⁸ What then? notwithstanding, every way, whether in pretence, or in truth, Christ is preached; and I therein do rejoice, yea, and will rejoice.



Philippians 1:12

- But I would ye should understand, brethren, that the things *which happened* unto me have fallen out rather unto the furtherance of the gospel;

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- I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel,

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What has happened to Paul?



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**Before the sermon is
over, we want to
answer the question:
How can we advance the
gospel?**



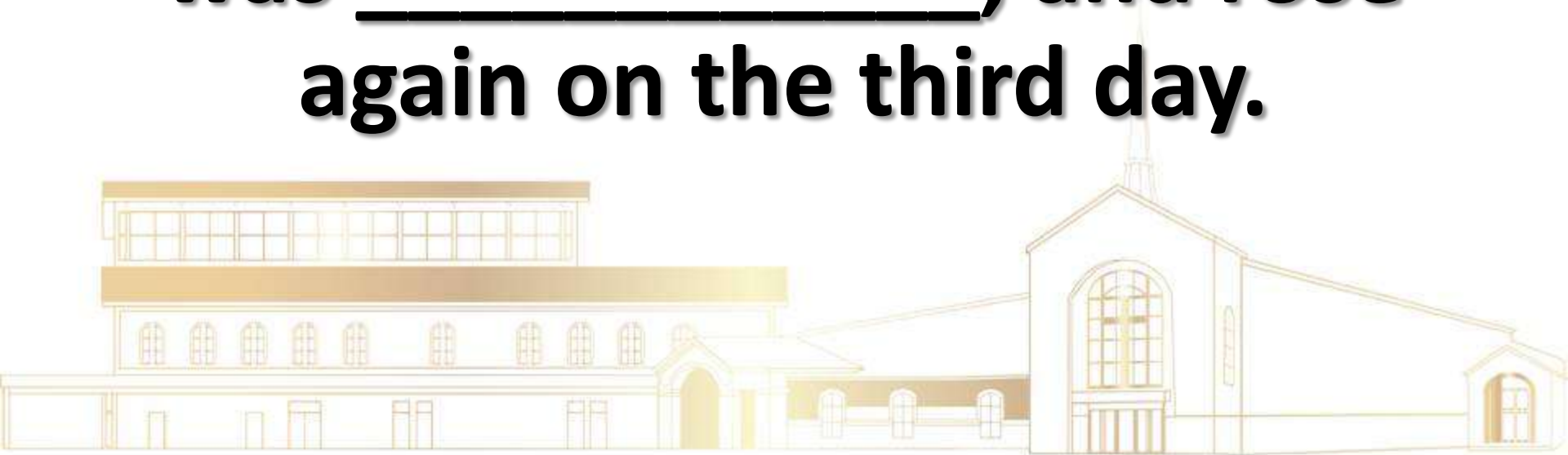
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What is the gospel?



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**The gospel is the _____
_____ that Christ
_____ for our _____,
was _____, and rose
again on the third day.**



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What makes it good news?



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**The reality that Christ
died for my sins is
what makes the gospel
such good news.**





Philippians 1:13

- So that my bonds in Christ are manifest in all the palace, and in all other *places*;

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- so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ.

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**Paul's imprisonment in
Rome has actually served
to advance the gospel
throughout the Roman
Imperial Guard.**





Philippians 1:14

- And many of the brethren in the Lord, waxing confident by my bonds, are much more bold to speak the word without fear.

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- And most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear.

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**Because of Paul's
imprisonment other
preachers are gaining
confidence in the Lord.**





Philippians 1:15

- Some indeed preach Christ even of envy and strife; and some also of good will:

ESV

- Some indeed preach Christ from envy and rivalry, but others from good will.



Philippians 1:16-17 (KJV)

- **The one preach Christ of contention, not sincerely, supposing to add affliction to my bonds:**
- **But the other of love, knowing that I am set for the defence of the gospel.**

Compare this to the ESV



Philippians 1:16–17 (ESV)

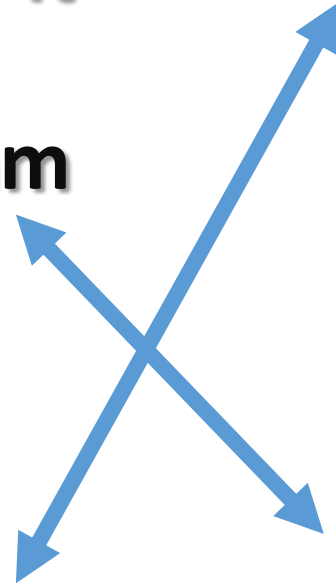
- The latter do it out of love, knowing that I am put here for the defense of the gospel.
- The former proclaim Christ out of selfish ambition, not sincerely but thinking to afflict me in my imprisonment.

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v. 16 The one preach Christ of contention, not sincerely, supposing to add affliction to my bonds:

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Morphological GNT

1:17 οἱ δὲ ἐξ ἐριθείας τὸν Χριστὸν καταγγέλλουσιν οὐχ ἄγνῳς οἰόμενοι
θλῖψιν ἐγείρειν τοῖς δεσμοῖς μου

Textus Receptus

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Morphological GNT

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**Paul doesn't care why they
are preaching Christ just
that they are preaching
Christ. But wait...**



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Don't extend that idea too far! It doesn't apply to the Mormons who preach a different Christ or preachers who proclaim a different gospel.



Galatians 1:6-9

I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting him who called you in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel—⁷ not that there is another one, but there are some who trouble you and want to distort the gospel of Christ. ⁸ But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach to you a gospel contrary to the one we preached to you, let him be accursed. ⁹ As we have said before, so now I say again: If anyone is preaching to you a gospel contrary to the one you received, let him be accursed.





Philippians 1:17

- But the other of love, knowing that I am set for the defense of the gospel.

**This Greek word is
found in v. 16 in ESV**

κεῖμαι

Transliteration*keimai***Pronunciation**

kā'-mī (Key)

**Part of Speech**

verb

Root Word (Etymology)

Middle voice of a primary verb

Dictionary Aids**Vine's Expository Dictionary:** [View Entry](#)**TDNT Reference:** 3:654,425**KJV Translation Count — Total: 26x**

The KJV translates Strong's G2749 in the following manner: lie (9x), be laid (6x), be set (6x), be appointed (1x), be (1x), be made (1x), laid up (1x), there (1x).

II. metaph.

- A.* to be (by God's intent) set, i.e. destined, appointed
- B.* of laws, to be made, laid down
- C.* lies in the power of the evil one, i.e. is held in subjection by the devil

**Paul understood that this was the
Sovereign will of God for his life at this
given time.**

**Paul is much like the prophet
Jeremiah (1:5).**

Jeremiah 1:5

“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.”



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**Do we care if the gospel is
advanced in Fayetteville,
Fort Bragg, and the
surrounding community?**



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V. 18
reveals the
#1 way we can advance
the gospel





Philippians 1:18

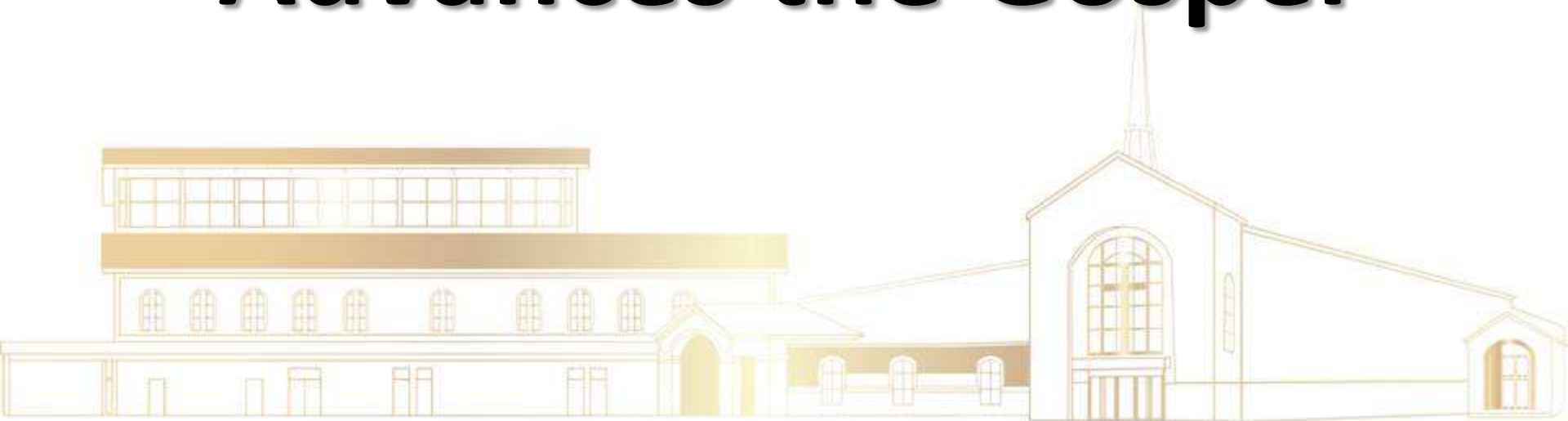
- What then?
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Christ is Proclaimed

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#1

**Proclaiming Christ
Advances the Gospel**



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What do we proclaim about Christ?



Person

- Deity (Son of God)
- Humanity (God incarnate)

Work

- Prophet (Teacher)
- Priest (Savior)
- King (Lord)



We Proclaim Christ's

- Eternality as the one & only Son of God



We Proclaim Christ's

- Eternality as the one & only Son of God
- Words (what he taught)



We Proclaim Christ's

- Eternality as the one & only Son of God
- Words (what he taught)
- Love & Compassion for Humanity



We Proclaim Christ's

- Eternality as the one & only Son of God
- Words (what he taught)
- Love & Compassion for Humanity
- Life of Service (think footwashing)



We Proclaim Christ's

- Eternality as the one & only Son of God
- Words (what he taught)
- Love & Compassion for Humanity
- Life of Service
- **Authority and Sovereignty (Lord)**



We Proclaim Christ's

- Eternality as the one & only Son of God
- Words (what he taught)
- Love & Compassion
- Life of Service
- Authority and Sovereignty
- His Gospel (You can be saved.)



We Proclaim Christ's

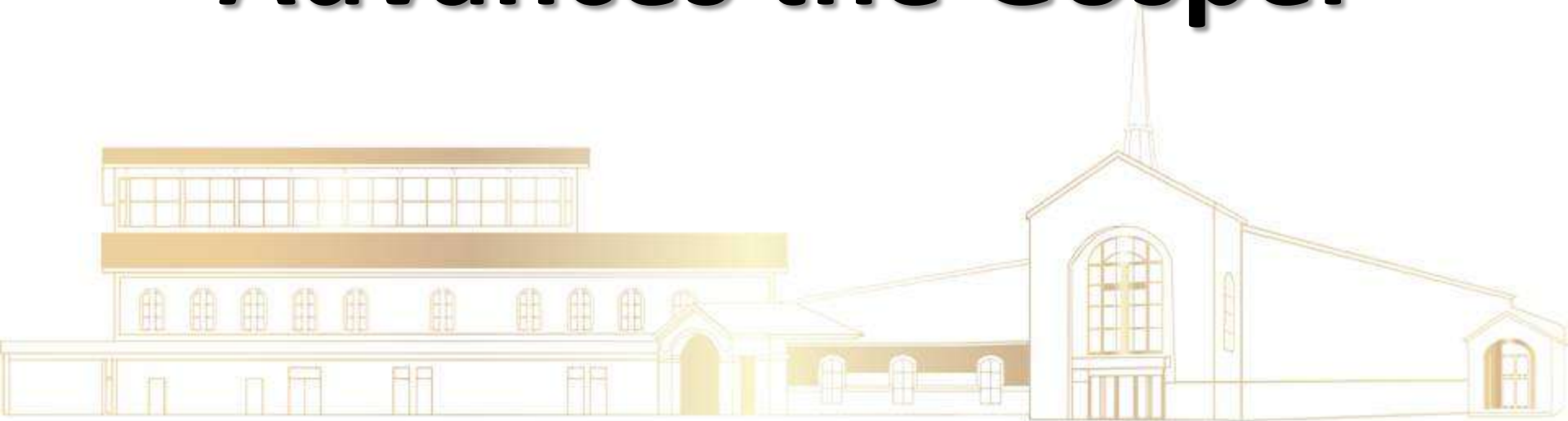
- Eternality as the one & only Son of God
- Words (what he taught)
- Love & Compassion
- Life of Service
- Authority and Sovereignty
- His Gospel
- Second Coming



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#2

Sending Missionaries Advances the Gospel



1 Corinthians 1:17

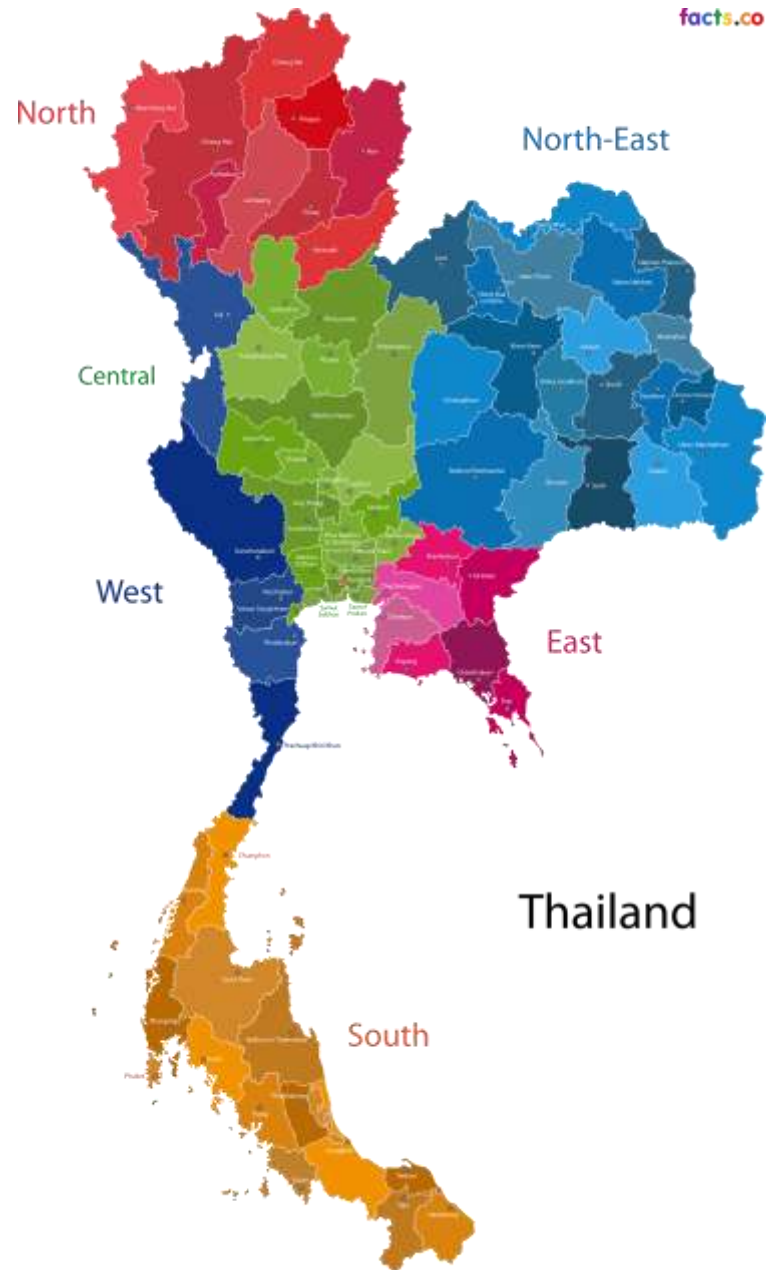
For Christ did not **send** me to baptize but **to preach the gospel**, and not with words of eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.





Global partners in the advancement
of the gospel and its application!

Joey,
Candice,
Hutch & Abe
Kellett



Romans 10:15

And how shall they
preach, except they be
sent? as it is written, How
beautiful are the feet of them that
preach the gospel of peace, and
bring glad tidings of good things!

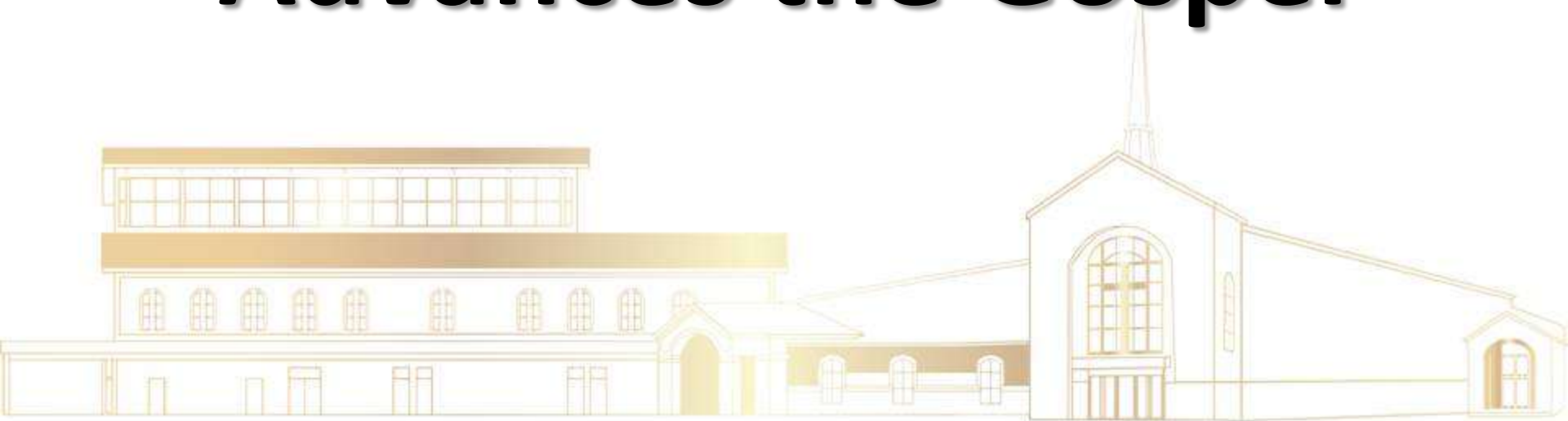


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#3

Prayer

Advances the Gospel



Luke 10:2

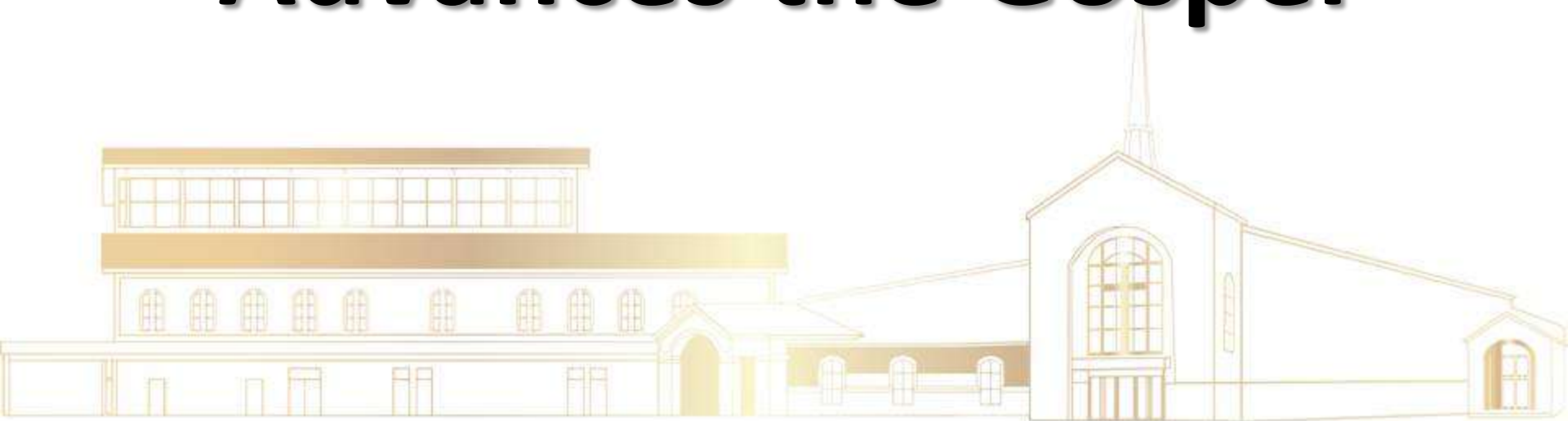
Therefore said he unto them,
The harvest truly *is* great, but
the laborers *are* few: **pray ye**
therefore the Lord of the
harvest, that he would send
forth laborers into his
harvest.



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#4

**Authentic Worship
Advances the Gospel**



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Authenticity

Hypocrisy is the enemy of the gospel. **Why do you think Jesus consistently rebuked hypocrisy?**



In Fact

Not only does authentic worship advance the gospel but **AUTHENTICITY** on all levels advances the gospel. The world needs to see we are **REAL!**





**Is anyone familiar with
this logo and who uses
it?**



**Is this
cheese or
cheese food
or a cheese
product?**





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The world is experiencing far too much cheese product to believe in the transforming power of the gospel.

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Worship

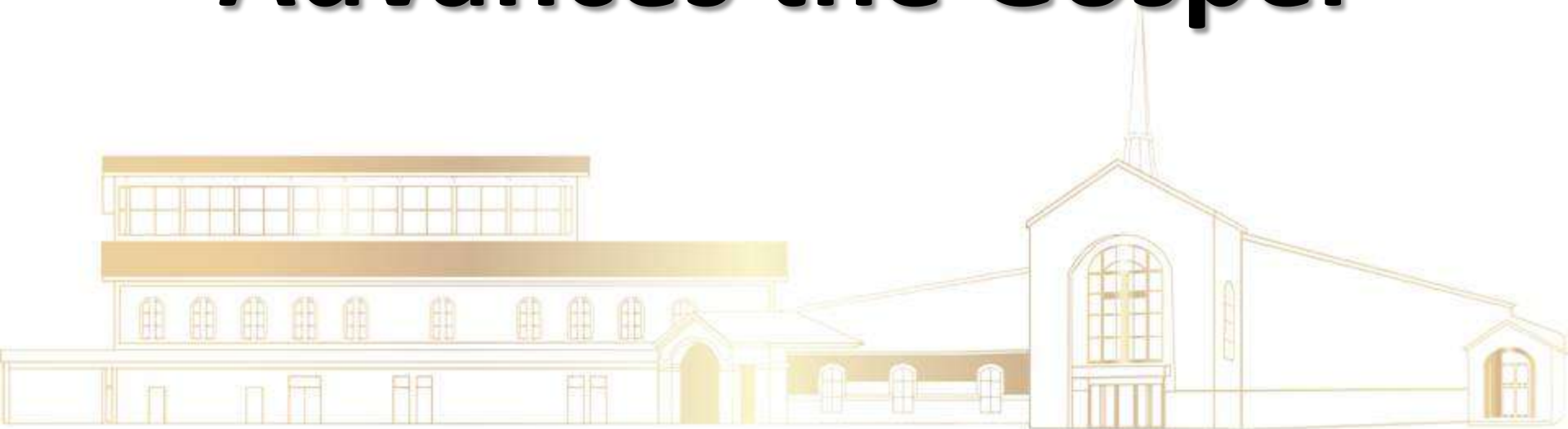
**Very simply is giving God the
glory and adoration His
deserves—so it goes way
beyond singing.**



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#5

Application of the Gospel Advances the Gospel



James 1:22

KJV

But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.

NET

But be sure you live out the message and do not merely listen to it and so deceive yourselves.



Application Includes

- Doing good deeds
- Being gracious, tenderhearted
- Forgiving others
- Loving the unlovable





Matthew 25:35

For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me,

Matthew 5:16

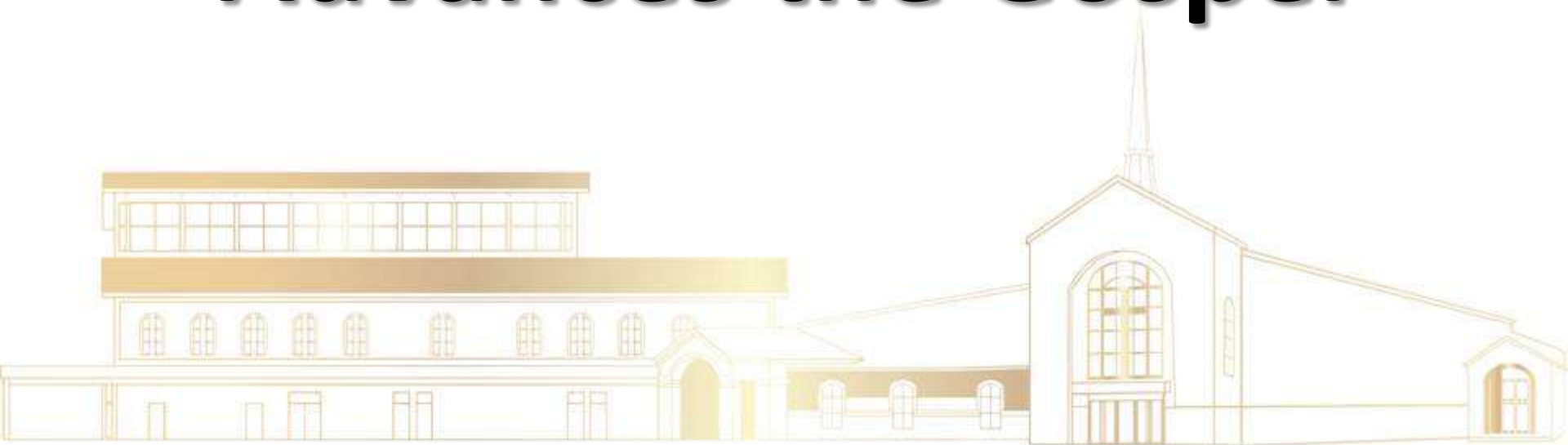
Let your light so shine before
men, that they may see your
good works, **and glorify
your Father which is
in heaven.**



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#5A

**The Active Pursuit of Personal Holiness
Advances the Gospel**



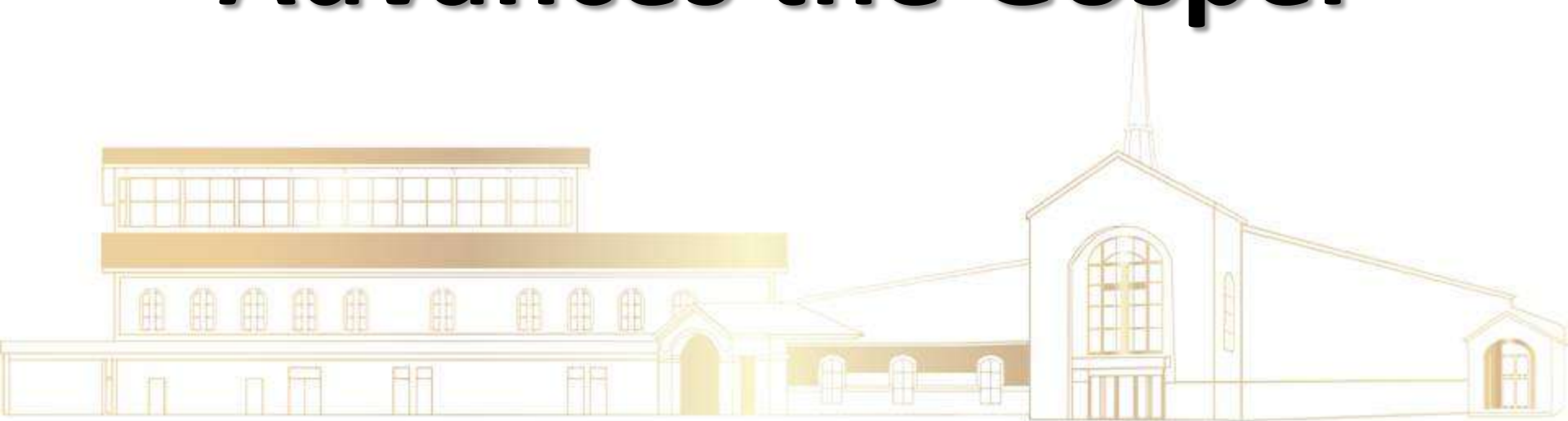
**Personal holiness gives
credibility to the
transforming power of the
gospel.**

Victory over sin matters.



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#6 **Giving** **Advances the Gospel**



Giving is Needed

- Sometimes to Proclaim Christ
- To Send Missionaries
- To Plant Churches
- Sometimes to Do Good Deeds





Philippians 4:15

- And you Philippians yourselves know that in the beginning of the gospel, when I left Macedonia, no church entered into partnership with me in giving and receiving, except you only.

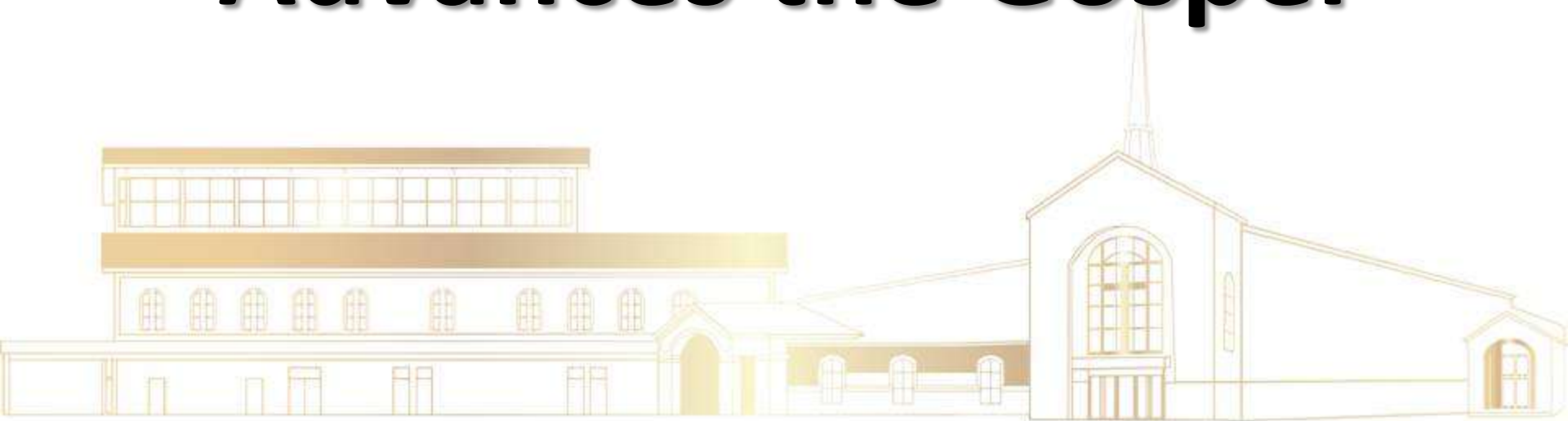


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#7

Apologetics

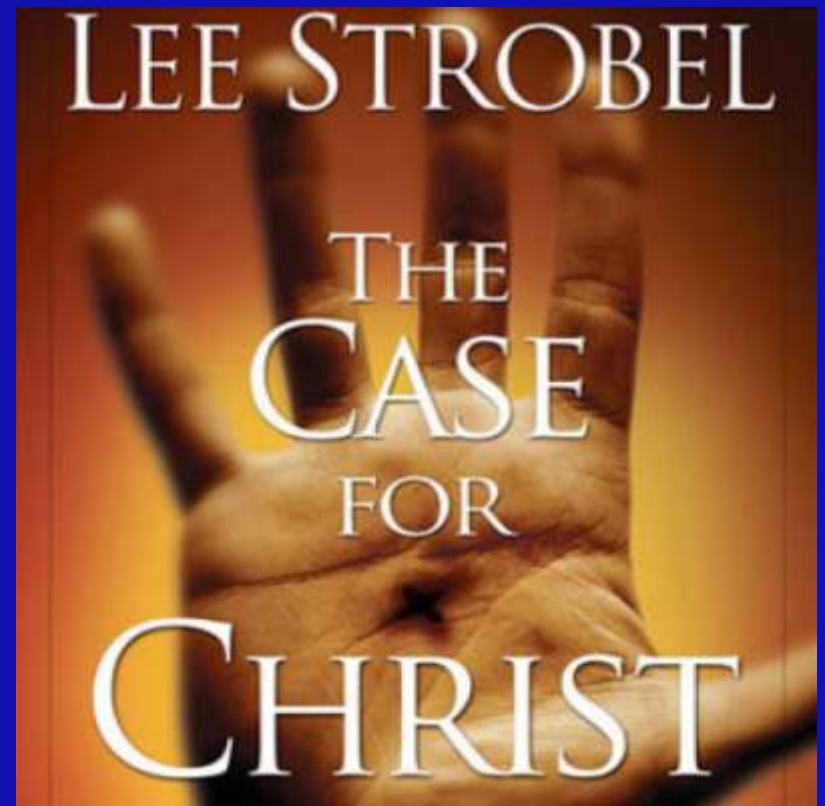
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1 Peter 3:15

But sanctify the Lord God in
your hearts: and *be* ready
always to give an answer
to every man that asketh you
a reason of the hope that is in
you with meekness and fear:





Ravi Zacharias and men and women like him giving a defense for the legitimacy of faith in God, Christ and the Bible all serve to advance the gospel globally.



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**We proclaim Christ, send
missionaries, pray,
worship, live out the
gospel, give, and are ready
to give an answer.**

