



“THE 7 PILLARS OF OUR CHURCH”

Pillars Part 7: Outreach and Missions

- **Outreach** – the act of extending services, benefits, etc., to a wider section of the population.
- **Missions** - Also called foreign missions - a group of persons sent by a church to carry out religious work, especially evangelization, in foreign lands. The goal is often to establish schools, hospitals, etc.

Outreach by church standards refers to **activities** outside of the local church to better the surrounding community.

Missions deals with outreach that spans the **globe**.

- Mark 16:15, which we know as the **great commission** or the great commandment has a very important word that is the root of outreach. GO.
 - In other words, what is paramount is not where you **are** but where you need to **go**.
 - That word **preach** not only refers to pontificating and promulgating, but also, to show what the gospel is.
 - When we **engage** in outreach, we preach with our **actions**.
- The church has become **professional** at **Inreach**. Inreach simply means only focusing on the inside of the local church.
 - Although Inreach has its place and is important, it is our **love** for each other inside which **overflows** to the outside and becomes outreach.
- A church, which doesn't care about outreach, is simply a **social club**. We are called to be an extension of Christ. Isaiah 61:1-3
- We are Christians or little Christs, which means, we have to be what **Jesus** would be if He were still here.
- There is a group of people who do not need to care about outreach - people who **don't care** about people. This is **impossible** if you truly love God. 1 John 4:20
 - As a child of God and a member of a local church, it is our duty to **engage** in outreach to **change** the world.

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There are two main resources that determine not only outreach, but also, how effective the outreach will be.

1. People resources
2. Monetary resources

These resources were placed in this order, because without the first there would not be a second. We must not only partake in giving financially, but also, in the giving of ourselves.

One of the greatest benefits of outreach to the Kingdom and local church is growth - bringing people into the body of Christ.

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