



VISTAS

For Independent Baptist Churches in the Mountain West United States

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TURNING THE WORLD UPSIDE DOWN - ACTS 17:6

“...These that have turned the world upside down are come hither also;”

The first century church without all of the technology we have available to us today “turned the world upside down”. (Acts 17:6) What made the difference? They had a willing heart and were aided by the power of the Holy Spirit. They also followed God’s Biblical plan of “Multiplication.” God’s plan of Church Planting to Reach the World with the Gospel involves “multiplication.” Multiplication is a Biblical principle. In (Genesis 1:28), God said to Adam and Eve, “...Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth...” The Lord Jesus used multiplication to accomplish spiritual reproduction. He accomplished this in His own earthly ministry as he spent three years recruiting, discipling and training His followers. His multiplication method began with first adding twelve men and then teaching them that He was “...the way, the truth and the life.” (John 14:6). He then sent them out to make disciples in all nations (Matthew 28:19-20). This is Biblical and Spiritual Multiplication.

In the sixth chapter of Acts we see the work of “addition” changed to “multiplication” (Acts 6:7) This was clearly pictured in the ministry of Philip the Evangelist. Philip met the Ethiopian Eunuch and led him to Christ. The Ethiopian went back to Ethiopia and tradition tells us that the entire nation and surrounding areas were brought to Christ. Note the four areas of multiplication.

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Multiplication is also pictured in the ministry of the Apostle Paul. Paul told Timothy in (2 Timothy 2:2), “And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.” We see the ministry of Jesus through Paul multiplied to five generations.

May the Lord help us to Implement and Practice the Biblical Plan of Multiplication in our personal life as well as in our church.

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We are rejoicing in a New Year. May this be the year of the Lord’s Return. Let’s determine with the Lord’s help to draw closer to Him this year! We are looking forward to the IMBF Spring Preaching Conference. The dates are April 7-8, 2025 and the host church is First Baptist Church of Laurel, Montana. Please put these dates on your calendar and begin to invite others to join us for this great meeting!
- Happy Trails, Dr. Paul and Cindy Hoover

IT IS OUR PRAYER THAT WE MIGHT RELAY TO OUR READERS THE VISTAS OF THE GLORIES OF CHRIST AND HIS WORK, ENJOY THE SWEET FELLOWSHIP OF GOD’S PEOPLE, AND SHARE OUR BURDEN FOR THE GREAT AND NEEDY HARVEST FIELDS OF THE IMBF.

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth! Isaiah 52:7

WYOMING'S WONDERFUL GRIZZLIES - A FEW OF GOD'S CREATIONS

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