Lombard Gospel Chapel

A 3 Part Series on The Church

"The World's Hope" - October 22nd

"The Dearest Place on Earth" - Oct 29th

"Leading with Love" - November 12th

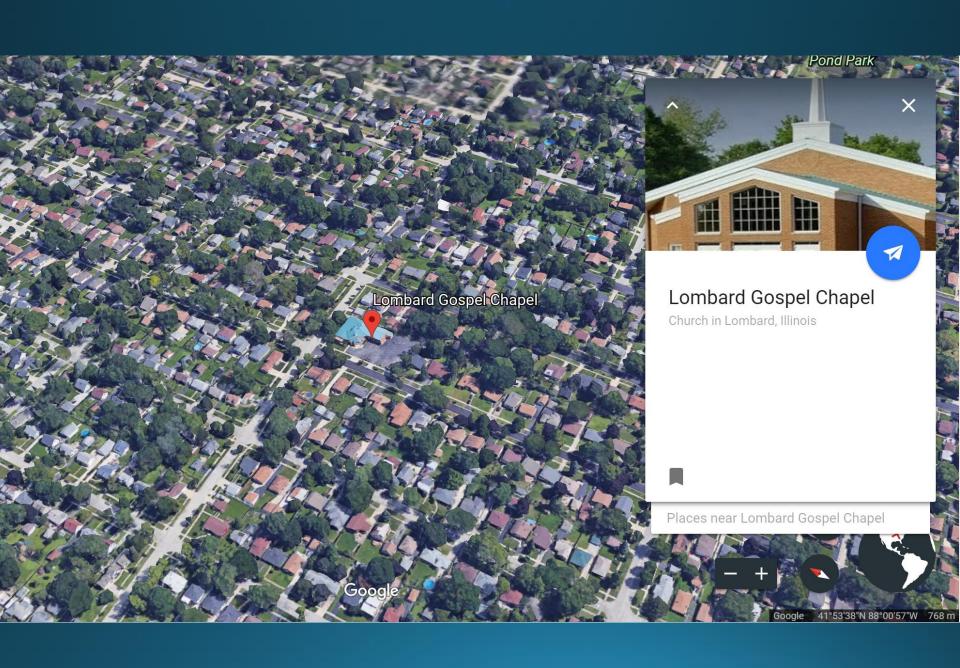
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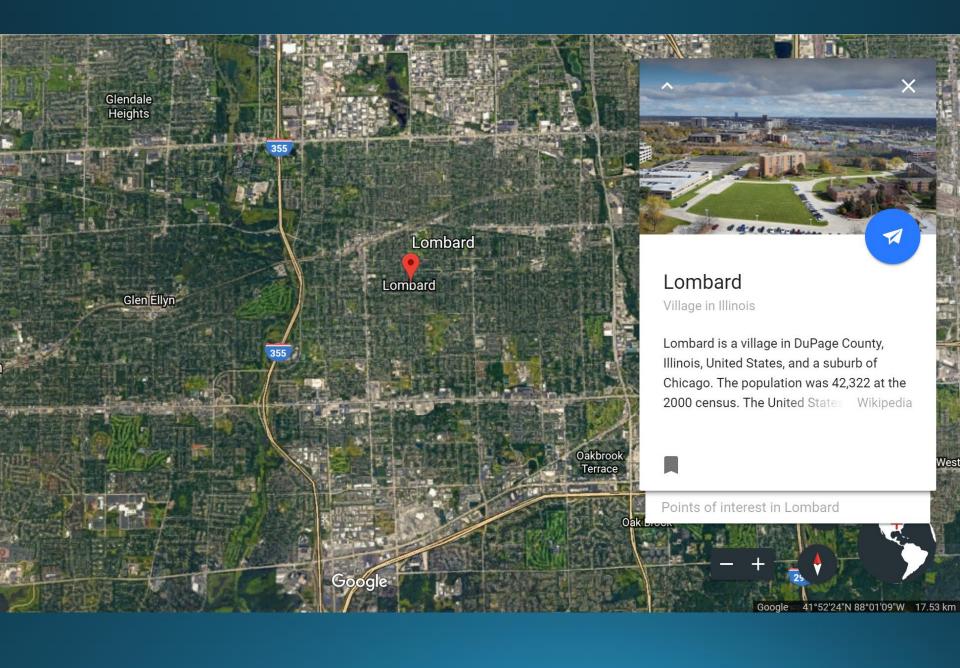
The Church Universal

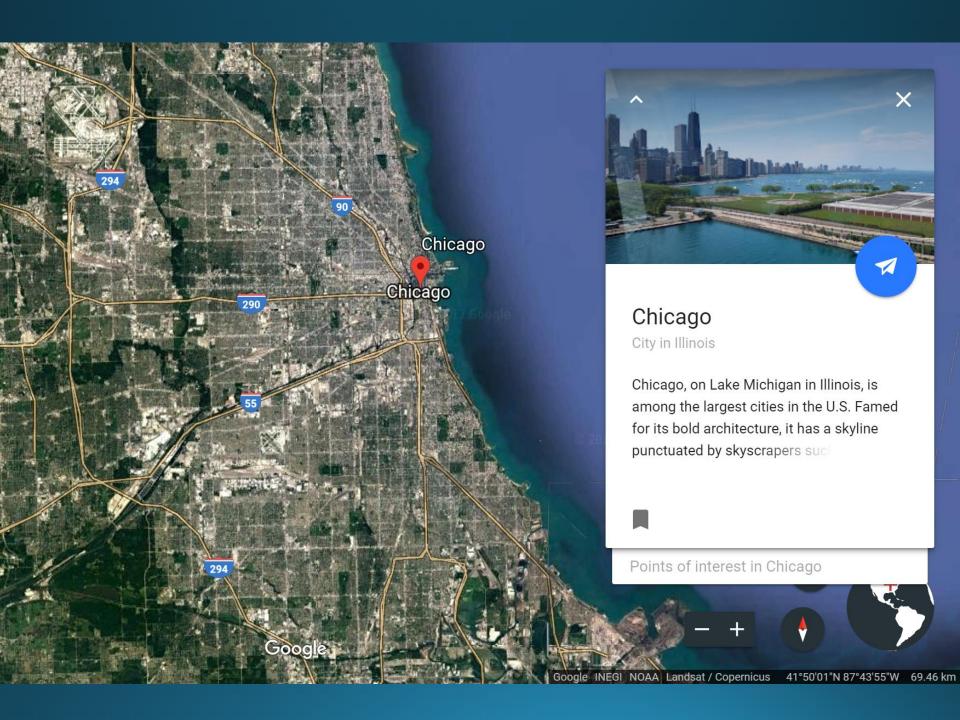
The Greek word for Church: ekklésia

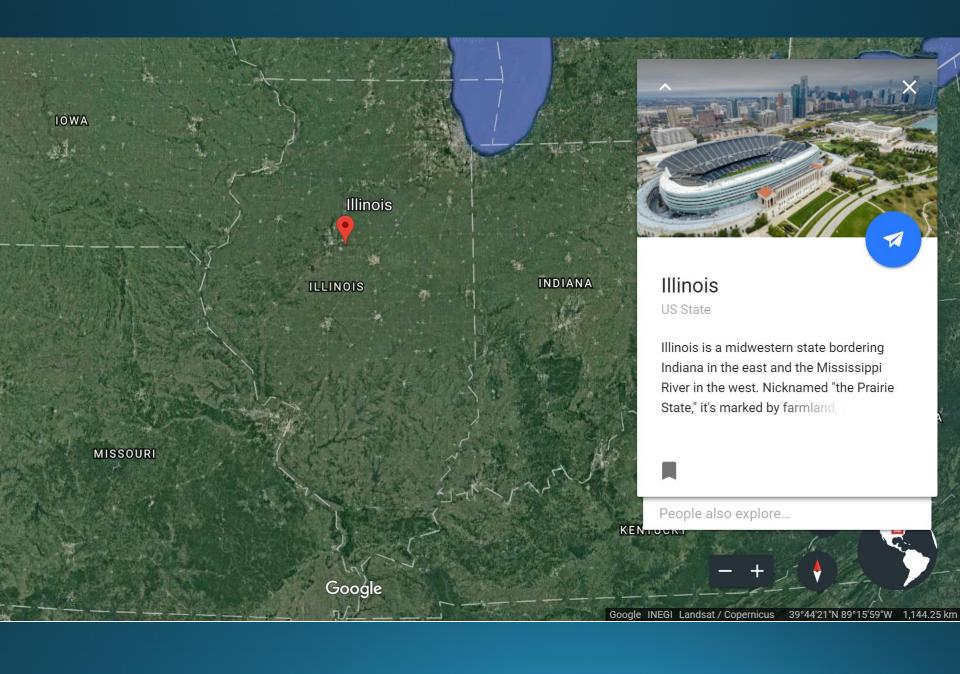
- Original Word: ἐκκλησία, ας, ἡ
- Definition of ekklésia: an assembly, congregation, church
 - ek, "out from and to" and
 - kaléō, "to call"
- Properly put, Ekklesia means: people called out from the world and to God, the outcome being the Church, the mystical body of Christ.

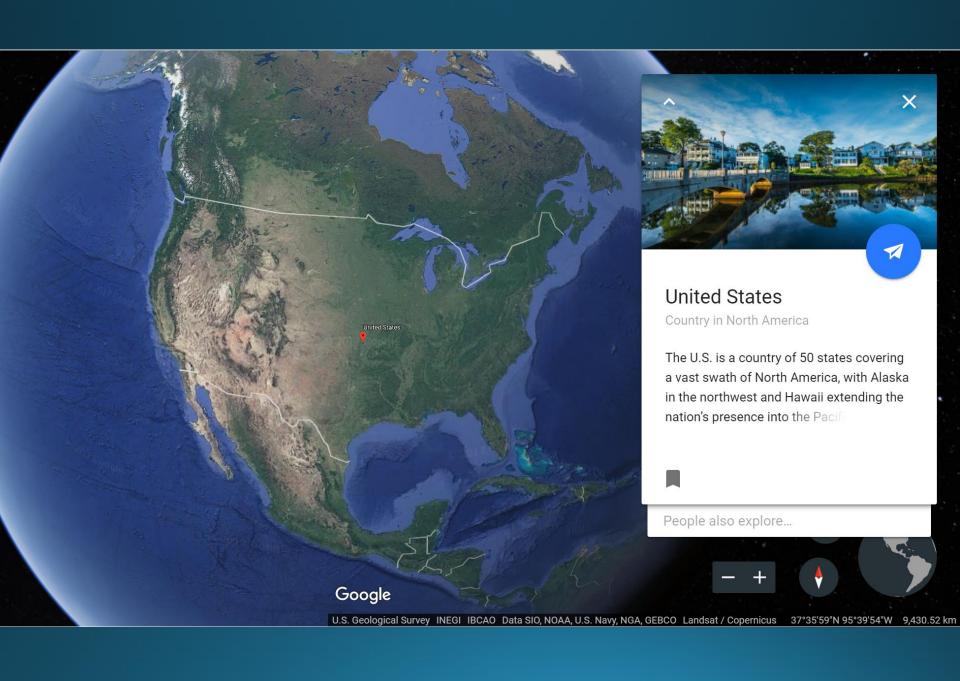
1 Peter 2:9-10 - "But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light: Which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy.

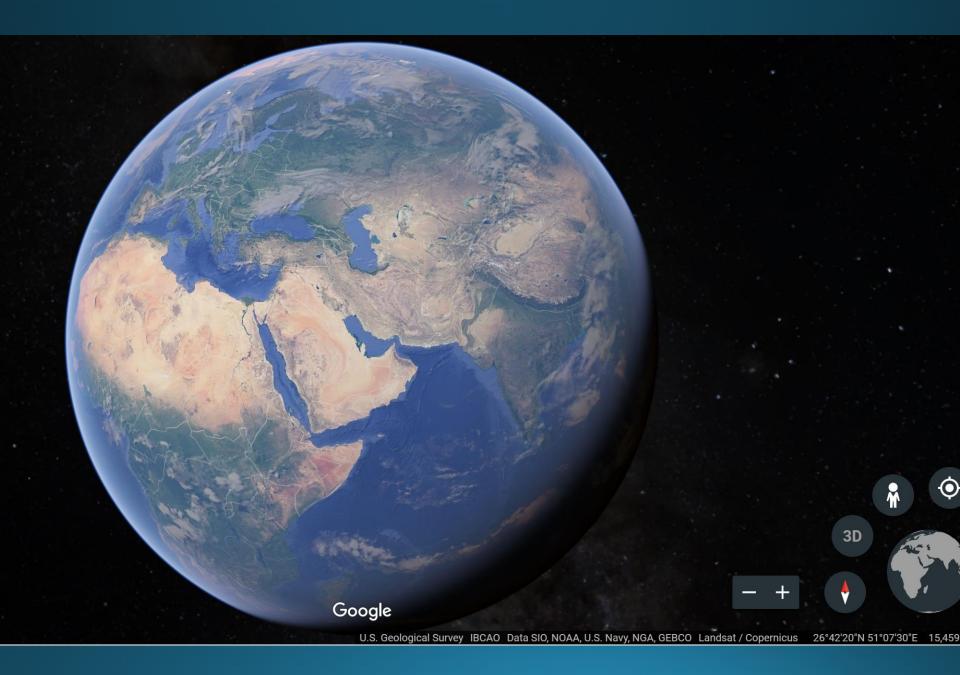














Galatians 3:28

There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.

LGC's Statement of Faith

11. That the Church is a spiritual body of which Christ is the head. The Church is composed of all true believers united by the work of the Holy Spirit. The calling and destiny of the Church are heavenly, and the chief functions of the Church are to glorify God on earth, and to witness for Christ until He returns.

(Matthew 16:18; 28:19; Ephesians 1:22; Colossians 1:18; 1 Corinthians 12:12-27;1 Peter 4:11; Acts 1:8)

Matthew 16:13 - 18

"You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God."

"A true church is known, number one, by a great confession."

John MacArthur

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The Church's Unanimous Confession

We affirm Jesus Christ to be God in human flesh...

We affirm Him taken to glory and seated at His Father's right hand...

A church is a gathering of people who make a common confession, "You are the Son of the living God, You alone are Lord and Savior." "And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence." Colossians 1:18.

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- The Church Our true Chief Function is **glory** and **witness**

We Are Made to Reflect God's Glory

Phil 2:15, 16 so that you may become blameless and pure, "children of God without fault in a warped and crooked generation." Then you will shine among them like stars in the sky as you hold firmly to the word of life.

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2 Cor 3:18 And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate[a] the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

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Acts 1:8

...and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

Matthew 28:19

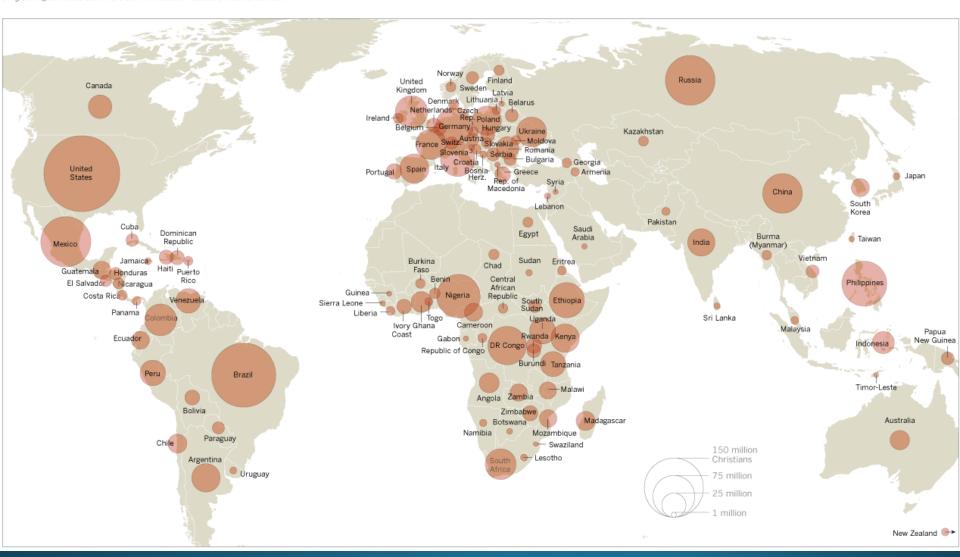
Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

"There is no necessity for saints being on earth that I know of, except for the good of their fellow men...Why do we stay here, then, at all, but that we may be salt in the midst of putrefaction—light in the midst of darkness—life in the midst of death? The Church is the world's hope. As Christ is the hope of the Church, so the Church is the hope of the world."

Charles Spurgeon "The Church - The World's Hope" Sermon #2952

Estimated Distribution of Christian Population by Country and Territory in 2010

Only the 115 countries with more than 1 million Christians in 2010 are shown.



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- 3. The Church Our **Calling** is Heavenly

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Matt 16:18 And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.

19 I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."

- **1. Who is the church?** Eklesia gathered ones that confess Jesus Christ as Lord
- 2. What do we do? Our Chief Functions are glory and witness
- 3. Where are we going? Gathered ones, future destination is Heaven, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against us.

Ephesians 3:20, 21

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.