

Church



Introduction: *The Invisible War behind the Cultural War...*

“On this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell will not overcome it...” – Jesus

God’s Design:

Great Commission through the Church.

- The Church Universal
- The Church Local

☛ **Satan’s Response:** **Opens the Gates of Hell.**

I. The Church Gathered – *Withstanding the Gates of Hell*

Hebrews 10:19-25

Position: *We have a Way. (Jesus’ death)*
We have a Priest (Jesus’ life)

Response: **Relationship with God**

↑ *Draw Near (Faith)*
↓ *Hold Fast (Hope)*



Relationship with One Another

↔ *Stimulate and Encourage (Love & Good Works)*

II. The Church Scattered – *Obtaining Victory*

A. His Command & Strategy: *The Winning Game Plan*

Matthew 28:18-20

And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

Acts 1:8

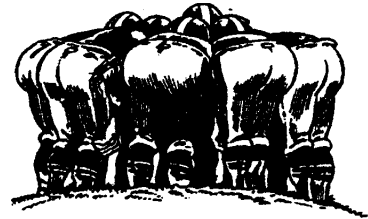
... but you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth."

Who?

What?

When?

How?



B. Our Response: Abandoning the “Perpetual Huddle” Syndrome

Are You Trained for the Task?

- To communicate the gospel clearly?

- To give a defense of your hope?

- To transfer truth to the next generation?

Are You In the Game or Hiding in the Huddle?