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설교제목 (SERMON TITLE):
교회의 이해 I
(UNDERSTANDING CHURCH I)

December 14, 2025
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Psalm 149:1–5

1 Praise the LORD. Sing to the LORD a new song, his praise in the assembly of his faithful people. 2 Let Israel rejoice in their Maker; let the people of Zion be glad in their King. 3 Let them praise his name with dancing and make music to him with timbrel and harp. 4 For the LORD takes delight in his people; he crowns the humble with victory. 5 Let his faithful people rejoice in this honor and sing for joy on their beds.

시편 (Psalm) 149:1-5

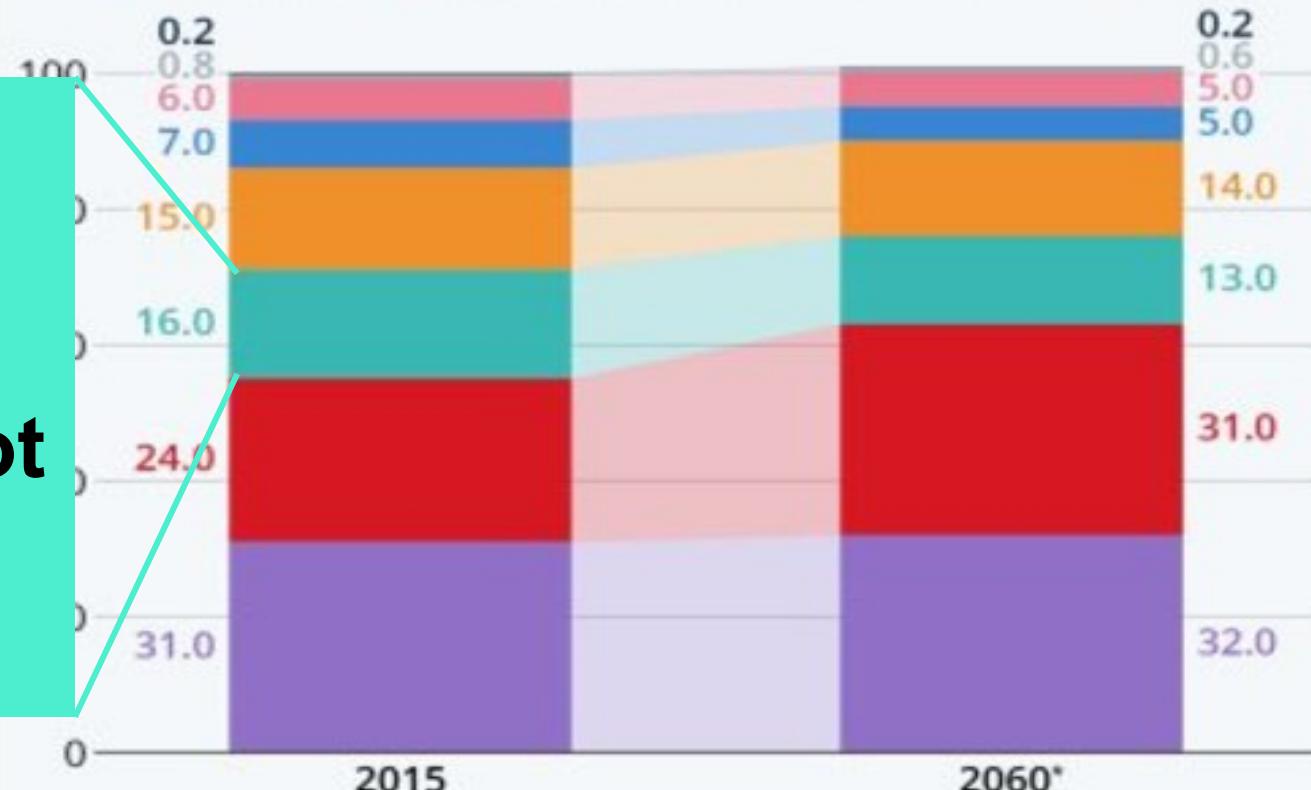
- 1 할렐루야 새 노래로 여호와께 노래하며 성도의 모임 가운데에서 찬양할지어다
- 2 이스라엘은 자기를 지으신 이로 말미암아 즐거워하며 시온의 주민은 그들의 왕으로 말미암아 즐거워할지어다
- 3 춤 추며 그의 이름을 찬양하며 소고와 수금으로 그를 찬양할지어다
- 4 여호와께서는 자기 백성을 기뻐하시며 겸손한 자를 구원으로 아름답게 하심이로다
- 5 성도들은 영광 중에 즐거워하며 그들의 침상에서 기쁨으로 노래할지어다

Religions Now...

The World's Largest Religious Groups Over Time

Religious composition of the world (in %)

Christians Muslims Unaffiliated Hindus
Buddhists Folk religions Other religions Jews



* projection. Figures are rounded.

Source: Pew Research Center



“About 16 %... include atheists, agnostics, and people who may believe in God or spiritual life but do not identify with any particular religion”

Church... What Kind of...?

Monastery of Saint Thaddeus, built in 66 AD, in Iran



Church of Saint Sava Cathedral in Belgrade, Serbia



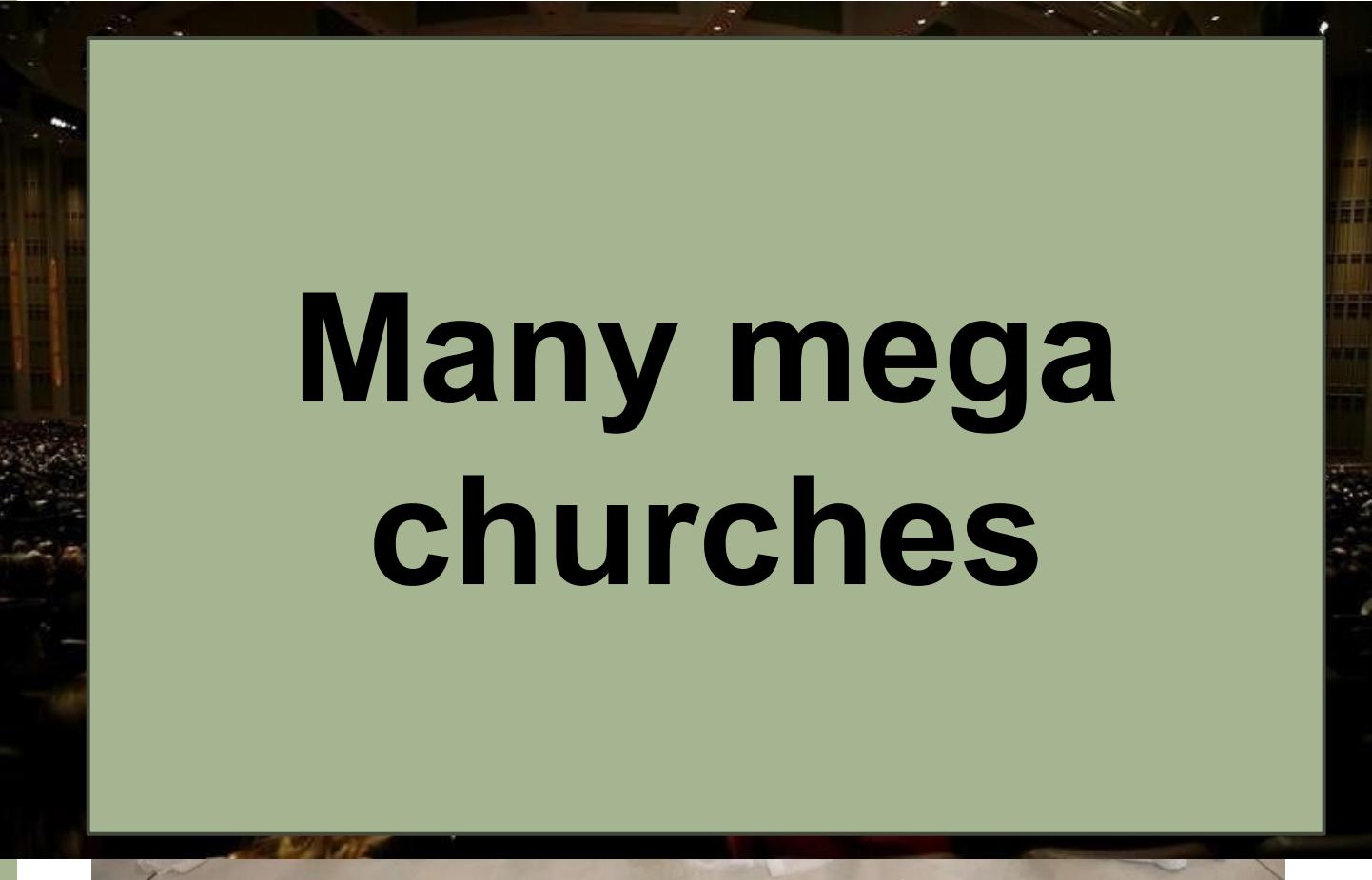
With a capacity over 60,000



With a capacity of 10,800

Church... What Kind of...?

Many mega
churches



Crystal Cathedral



The Purpose

To praise God

“...you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation...

you may declare the praises of

him...” -1 Pet 2:9-

To do good works

“for we are god’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works...”

-Eph 2:10-

To challenge Satan’s dominion

“His intent was that, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms...” Eph 3:10–11

The Distinctiveness

“I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me will live even if he dies...” -Jn 11:25-

“If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you...”

-Jn 15:7-

“Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit” -Acts 2:38-

Church from OT...



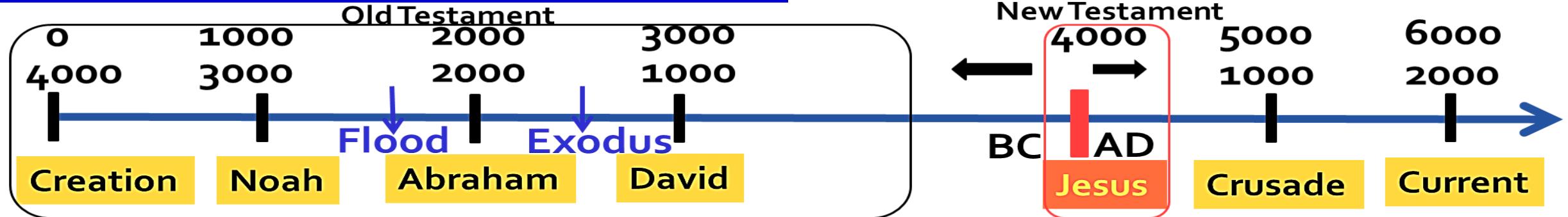
“So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them”

-Ge 3:15-

“But you, Israel, my servant, Jacob, whom I have chosen, you descendants of Abraham my friend, 9 I took you from the ends of the earth... You are my servant; I have chosen you and have not rejected you”

-Is 41:8-9-

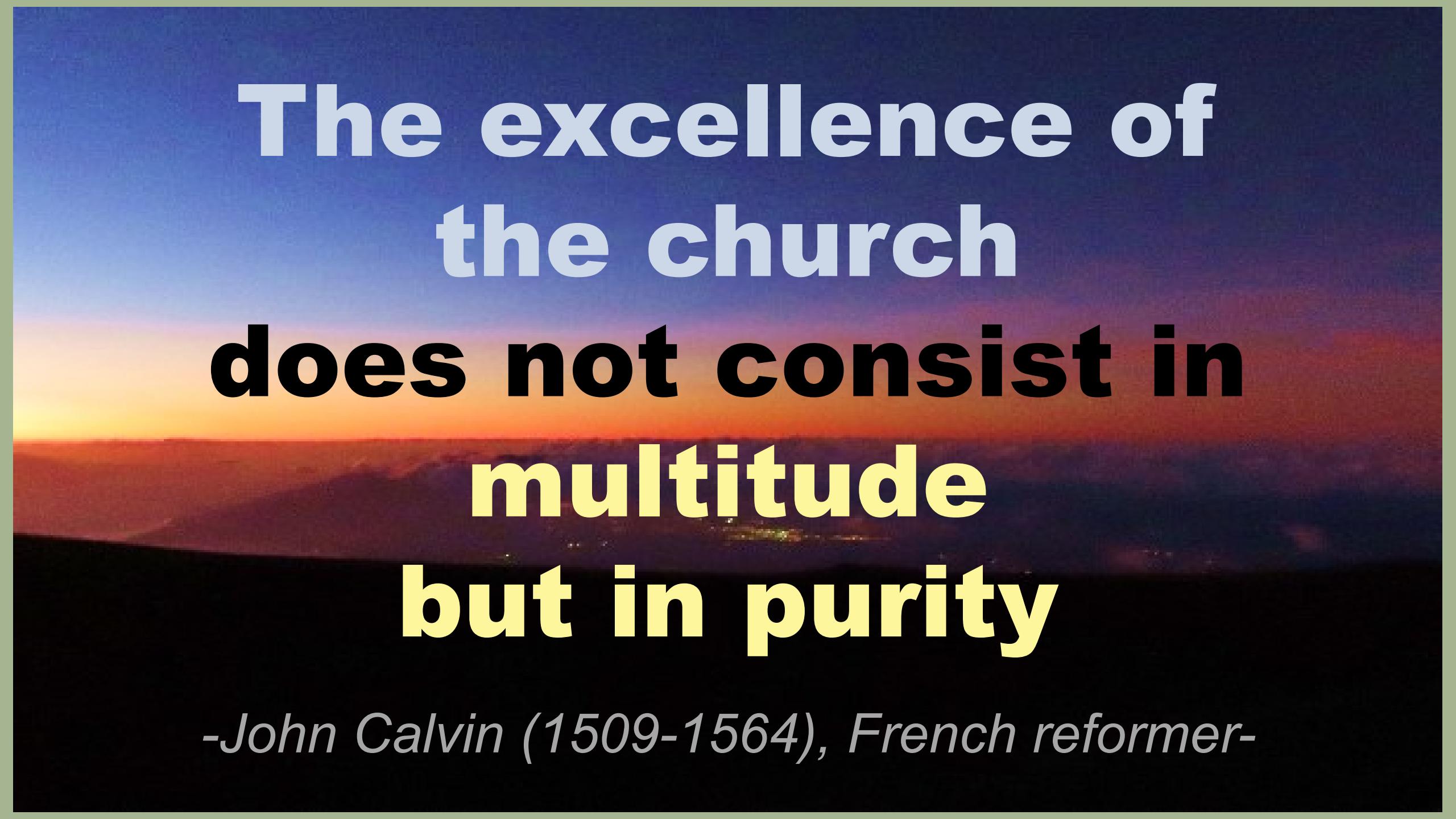
Church from NT...



“For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them”
-Mt 18:20-

“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”
-Mt 16:18-

“...do this...in remembrance of me.”
For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes” -1 Co 11:25-26-



**The excellence of
the church
does not consist in
multitude
but in purity**

-John Calvin (1509-1564), French reformer-

**“you are ... fellow citizens with
God’s people and also members
of his household,
built on the foundation of
the apostles and prophets,
with Christ Jesus himself
as the chief cornerstone”**

-Eph 2:19-20-