

Opportunity Christian Fellowship
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Are We on the Main River or a Tributary? Acts 10:44-48

What was the Jewish Identity?

The Temple

They were God's Chosen People

Two Watershed moments in the Early (First) Church

Acts 2:1-4

The Temple is you.

God is unmistakably saying to this group of Jesus followers, that His presence is no longer centered on the Temple in Jerusalem, but that His presence is in each one of them. That they together, the community of believers in Jesus, represent God to this world.

Acts 10:44-48

God's Chosen People are also the Gentiles

God very forcefully said that His people were not just the Jews, but everyone who became a follower of Jesus. In other words God's chosen people were to be people from all nations and languages and cultures, not just the Jews.

So when the world looks at the Church today is that what they see?

Do they see a community of diverse people who have a singular focus of following Jesus, but who come from many different backgrounds and customs?

I would suggest to you that, that is NOT the case.

Sunday morning in America is the most segregated time of the week.

I keep coming back to this:

At the start of the Church:

On the day of Pentecost, everyone was worshipping God in different languages, real languages from all over the world to people from all over the world.

The Final Picture of the Church:

The picture we have of heaven is of a diverse people from all nations worshipping God together.

Is it not God's desire and will for His church right here at OCF to be very intentional about becoming a place that reflects God's heart?

I believe God has put a dream, a vision in my heart; that we become a church of many cultures and ethnicities worshipping God together.

Will you join me?