



Church without Walls
Don't Go to Church! – Part 3
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The First Wall: The CLERGY / LAITY Distinction

Punctuation COUNTS...

And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;

*For the perfecting of the **saints**, **for** the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ...*

Eph. 4:11-12 King James Version

*And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the **saints for** the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ... Eph. 4:11-12 New King James Version*

The Difference a COMMA Makes: Two Paradigms of MINISTRY.

- **Pastors: From PERFORMING to PREPARING.**
- **People: From CONSUMING to CONTRIBUTING.**

The Second Wall: The RIGHT People / WRONG People Distinction

So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free,

neither male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.
Galatians 3:26-28

- **The RACE Question: Is God on OUR Side?**
- **The CLASS Issue: Does Money Buy POSITION?**
- **The GENDER Problem:**

The Third Wall: The INSIDER / OUTSIDER Distinction

Master," said John, "we saw a man driving out demons in your name and we tried to stop him, because he is not one of us." "Do not stop him," Jesus said, "for whoever is not against you is for you." Luke 9:49-50

He who is not with me is against me, and he who does not gather with me, scatters. Luke 11:23

Two Philosophies:

- **Believe → BEHAVE → BELONG**
- **BELONG → Believe → BEHAVE**

The Fourth Wall: The SECULAR / SACRED Distinction

You are the salt of the earth... You are the light of the world... let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven. Matthew 5:13a, 14a, 16b

- **Out of the Saltshaker and Into the WORLD!**
- **Light RADIATES from a Centre**