



# Who are the “NONES” In Religion?

**“Nones” are those who claim “no religion.”**

**The recent General Social Survey revealed that ‘Nones’ are now the largest religious demographic in the US. That is, those claiming no religious faith whatsoever now outnumber those who claim to belong to any other religious group, including both Catholics and Evangelical Christians.**



# **NONES in Religion: Say What???**

**According to the report, “those of ‘no religion’ (23.1%) are statistically the same size as evangelicals (22.8%). For Americans, this is new territory, and represents a marked departure of where our nation has been throughout its history.**

**THE REAL PROBLEM: IDENTITY!!!**



# I WILL BUILD MY *CHURCH*

**<sup>15</sup> He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am?<sup>16</sup> And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.**

**<sup>17</sup> And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven.<sup>18</sup> And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my *church*; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.**

Mt. 16:15-18



**STRONG'S DICTIONARY:**

**Church: εκκλησιᾶ: Ekklesia**

**Means: *called out ones*. Not a building**



# EKKLESIA

**EKKLESIA: JESUS CHOSE THIS BECAUSE OF THE WAY THE EKKLESIA OPERATED IN HIS TIME.**

**The Romans were in charge, but would select a governor to send to rule over a region. There the Governor would *call out* a group of (in this case) Jewish citizens and give them authority to help him enforce the law and the government of the Roman empire in that region. They were “a called out group of people” who made decisions in law, finance, judgments, legal decisions, etc.**



# EKKLESIA: as defined by Jesus

When Jesus referred to the church, it was not a religious term at all. Using the *ekklesia* that existed at that time as an example, He was saying: **you are my extension of heaven's government in the earth. You are my representatives; my ambassadors.**

**This is a far cry from what we believe the church to be today!**

**WE ARE NOT TALKING RELIGION!!!**



# 7 MOUNTAIN MANDATE

**Wisdom hath builded her house, she hath hewn out her seven pillars:**

**Proverbs 9:1 (KJV)**

- **The infrastructure of every house (nation) consists of 7 pillars.**
- **In other words, there are 7 pillars common to every nation (used to hold it up).**



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**At SLC we refer to them as the “7 Mountains.”**

- **They are spheres of influence that affect the culture of every nation.**

**i.e. CONTROL THE CULTURE, CONTROL THE NATION!**





# 7 MOUNTAIN MANDATE

**SLC SEVEN MOUNTAIN SLIDE HERE**



**ENTER THE CHURCH**



**YOU ARE THE CHURCH**



# VENGEANCE & RECOMPENSE

**The LORD said, “Surely I will deliver you for a good purpose; surely I will make your enemies plead with you in times of disaster and times of distress.**

**Jeremiah 15:11 (NIV)**

**Good purpose: “My purpose.”**

**In other words, “this fidelity” to the assignment guarantees divine protection AND**

**Vengeance and Recompense!**



# VENGEANCE & RECOMPENSE

**SO WHATEVER HAS BEEN TAMPERING WITH YOUR DESTINY;  
WHATEVER HAS BEEN AFFLICTING YOU; WHATEVER HAS BEEN  
CAUSING YOU TO DELAY OR TO BE HUNG UP AND FRUSTRATED;  
COMING AGAINST YOU PEACE, YOUR PROGRESS, YOUR FAMILY AND  
YOUR BUSINESS—YOUR LIFE—GOD IS ABOUT TO DEAL WITH THEM  
STARTING RIGHT NOW.**