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In the Bible we read of Christ referring to truly converted Christians as being a little flock. But, why would that be? The predominant belief is that everyone except a few stubborn individuals will be saved. This is a very encouraging belief but does the Bible say that salvation is going to be a thing of the many? What does the Bible teach about salvation?

Preamble

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I think it is essential to clarify the question of the “Holy Spirit” before we begin this study. If we say that who or what is the “Holy Spirit” is the question that needs to be answered, we are starting from the assumption that there exists such a being as the Holy Spirit and that it is a separate and distinct being from God and the Word. The question which should be asked is who are the beings the Bible tell us are holy, whose composition is spirit and who have existed eternally? Either the Bible plainly tells us who are the separate and distinct beings that existed from all eternity who created all things (spirit beings and the material universe) or we have no way of getting an answer to our question.

The Holy Spirits of the God Family

The Bible tells us in Gen 1:1 that:

Gen 1:1 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

The Hebrew word translated “God” is “Eloheem” which is the plural form of “Eloah which means “God”. The word “Eloheem” refers to “gods.” It is a uniplural noun like family, group, team, etc. In the beginning, there was therefore more than one God being in existence but how many were there?

Joh 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

Joh 1:2 The same was in the beginning with God.

Joh 1:3 All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

In the beginning when God created the heaven and the earth there was God and there was another being with God who was also God, the Word. How can these two beings both be God; isn't that impossible?

The word God indicates the kind of existence of these 2 beings: their nature is to be God in the same way that all human beings have the same human nature. However, having the same nature does not mean that all human beings constitute a single being; indeed, they are all separate and distinct beings with their own personalities. God and the Word have in common the same nature or, level and type of existence, but they are separate and distinct beings just like all human beings who have the same human nature are separate and distinct beings.

God the Father

We read in the Bible that God became a father when the Word became flesh (Php 2:5-8) by being born of woman after having been conceived in the virgin Mary by the holy spirit being called God (Luke 1:35). God from that point on became God the Father and the Word, who was born as the flesh-and-blood Jesus of Nazareth became God's Son or the Son of God. He was both fully God (his father was God and fully human (his mother was the virgin Mary).

Jesus was God the Father's only begotten son at the time when He was conceived in Mary's womb but He was not to be the only one begotten of the Father. God the Father is the holy spirit being in the Godhead that calls men to salvation.

Joh 6:44 No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day.

Joh 6:65 And he said, Therefore said I unto you, that no man can come unto me, except it were given unto him of my Father.

Joh 18:9 That the saying might be fulfilled, which he spake, Of them which thou [God the Father] gavest me have I lost none.

1Pe 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

God the Word and Spokesman

The Bible term for being called is to be spiritually begotten by God the Father (1Pe 1:3). When we are begotten, we become a spiritual embryo that can be born again as a glorified spirit being with eternal life. Those begotten of the holy spirit God the Father who follow their calling are then able to come to the holy spirit being called the Word and Spokesman (John 6:44; 65; 18:9) who then teaches them. The glorified Jesus-Christ as God the Father's Word and Spokesman is the holy spirit being that works in the minds of God the Father's called and chosen ones.

Joh 7:39 (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)

Jesus had to first be glorified for it to be possible for Christians to have access to the holy spirit called the Word and Spokesman because the glorified Christ is the holy spirit being who works in the minds of God's saints (John 14:17) in the same way that Satan is the evil spirit that works in the minds of the children of disobedience (Eph2:2).

Joh 14:17 Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he [Christ] dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. [On the day of Pentecost, it would be in them and in all true Christians.]

Eph 2:2 Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, [Satan] the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:

The holy spirit God the Father calls men and those who follow their calling are then taught by the holy spirit called the Word and God the Father's Spokesman.

Joh 14:26 But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

The Holy Ghost

The expression "Holy Ghost" used in the Bible is in error as there are no ghosts in the Godhead but rather 2 beings that are holy (John 17:11; Isa 6:3) and spirit (John 4:24).

Joh 17:11 And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee. Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we are.

Isa 6:3 And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the LORD of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory.

Joh 4:24 God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

These 2 God beings who are holy and spirit are the holy spirit beings of the God family who existed in the beginning at the creation of all things.

Joh 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

Joh 1:2 The same was in the beginning with God.

Joh 1:3 All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

And, the Word who was with God is before all things i.e., *nothing* existed before He created them whether made of spirit or matter.

Col 1:15 [Christ] Who is the image of the invisible God, the first-born of every creature:

Col 1:16 For by him [the Word who became Jesus-Christ] were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:

Col 1:17 And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.

In the beginning before anything either physical or spiritual was created, there was God and the Word who existed before all things and no other being is mentioned as having existed with them. There is no bib-

lical evidence that there ever existed a third, separate and distinct personage in the Godhead called the “Holy Spirit” who dwelt in eternity with God and the Word.

God is a Family

Throughout the Bible we can find many verses which clearly indicates the existence of family relations between God and the Word and God’s called, chosen and faithful.

Mat 11:27 All things are delivered unto me of my Father: and no man knoweth the Son, but the Father; neither knoweth any man the Father, save the Son, and he to whomsoever the Son will reveal him.

Mat 12:50 For whosoever shall do the will of my Father which is in heaven, the same is my brother, and sister, and mother.

Joh 20:17 Jesus saith unto her, Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father: but o to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father; and to my God, and your God.

God is clearly a family in which many can be ultimately born again by a resurrection from the dead to eternal, glorified spirit life in God’s Kingdom.

Rom 8:29 For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he [\[God’s Son\]](#) might be the firstborn among many brethren.

Col 1:18 And he [\[the glorified Christ\]](#) is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence.

Christ was the first to be born again by a resurrection from the dead to be followed by many brethren.

Bible Writing Convention

The practice in the Bible has been to simply use the expression “the Holy Spirit” without indicating which God personage in the Godhead the expression represents. Over time, because of this practice, just about everybody has come to believe that the Holy Spirit is a separate and distinct God being in the Godhead but, there is no single verse or group of verses in the Bible that prove the existence of such a third being in the Godhead. The words “holy” and “spirit” are adjectives that describe the nature of

God the Father and of God the Word i.e., they are holy beings made of spirit.

Whenever we encounter the expressions the “Holy Spirit” or simply the “Holy Spirit” in the Bible we must look at the context to determine of which holy spirit being of the Godhead the Bible is talking about: the holy spirit, God the Father or the holy spirit, the Word and Spokesman.

The Word is the holy spirit being in the Godhead who carries out the instructions and wishes of the holy spirit, God. He is the faithful son who seeks to do his father’s will in all things. He is the member of the God family that did the work of creating the heaven and the earth, who ruled over ancient Israel through Moses and his human successors, He is the one who became a man who suffered and died to be God the Father’s perfect sacrifice for sin and make the salvation of mankind possible, etc. and He came to reveal the Father to those who follow the Father’s calling.

Making Things Clearer

In this study, when referring to God’s spirit who, depending on the circumstances can be the holy spirit personage called God the Father or the holy spirit personage called God the Word and Spokesman, I will not capitalize either of the adjectives “holy” and “spirit”. This is in order to not perpetuate the false impression in the minds of readers that there is a 3rd being in the Godhead called the “Holy Spirit.” Instead, I will refer to either of the holy spirits in the God family as being God’s spirit without capitalizing the word “spirit” to make it plain that we are not referring to a third God being in the God family called the “Holy Spirit” but to one of the 2 God beings in the Godhead.

God’s family is presently made up of 2 holy spirit beings to which are to be added thousands and possibly millions of other holy spirit beings when God’s plan of salvation for mankind has reached its end. The saints that endure in the faith until the end of their natural human life, will be resurrected as individual holy spirit beings in God’s Kingdom when it is established.

There are two studies which you can read regarding what is the “Holy Spirit” and decide for yourself in light of the Bible-based evidence offered if such a being exists in the Godhead. These studies are: [What is the Holy Spirit? Cliff Notes Version](#) and [Who or What is the Holy Spirit?](#)

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Is it said in the Bible that those called and chosen by the holy spirit God the Father and taught by the holy spirit God the Word and Spokesman would become a large organization and therefore very visible to the world?

Isn't it stated in the Bible that the attitude of men toward God's spiritual truth and law is hostile; that it is something which to them is foolishness?

Rom 8:7 Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.

The carnal mind is the mind with which all men are born. It is unable to know God's truth or to accept it. When men come into contact with God's truth they always reject it and will fight against it if someone insists on trying to give some of it to them.

1Co 2:14 But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.

The natural man is a man who is carnal minded; to him, God's truth is foolishness. He cannot know it because he doesn't have the mental ability to be able to learn God's truth because it is spiritually discerned. It can only be known by another spirit being added to the human spirit, the holy spirit God the Word and Spokesman who then teaches him all

things as he studies God's holy Bible.

Let's see what the God tells us about how the natural man can become able to know and understand spiritual truth.

Conversion

The first step in the process is to be called by the holy spirit God the Father. The context here is that Jesus had been talking to a group of people which He had miraculously fed with bread and fish. They had followed Him wanting more food. Jesus spoke to them about spiritual things and they just couldn't understand what He was telling them and Jesus tells them why.

Joh 6:44 No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day.

No man can come to Jesus to be taught by Him, to become able to understand spiritual truth, unless God the Father draws him or calls him. And, those called by God the Father who come to Jesus, who was God the Word in the flesh, and are taught by Him, will be resurrected to immortal spirit life by Him.

In John 6:65 we find the same message being given.

John 6:65 And he said, Therefore said I unto you, that no man can come unto me, except it were given unto him of my Father.

These 2 verses make it very clear that the holy spirit God the Father is the one who calls men. Nowhere in these verses can it be seen that men contribute in any way to this process, even truly converted men.

Men are called straight out of the world i.e., they were totally unconcerned about religion and were busily pursuing their personal goals when God called them. Most of them had no Bible knowledge nor had any interest in religion and like all men who are not called, they were hostile to God.

Rom 8:7 Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.

It takes a great one-time, miracle from God to open the carnal minds of men to understand some of the truths of the Bible and to bring them to the point where it becomes clear to them that He exists and that salvation requires that they obey Him. No teacher/preacher can ever do that.

God's truth is spiritual knowledge that can only be understood by revelation from God. How does the holy spirit God the Father teach those He has called and who have followed their calling?

Joh 14:16 And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever;

Christ was the Comforter who was with the disciples. He tells them that after His ascension to His Father that He would give the disciples and all true Christians throughout the ages, another Comforter that would be with them forever.

Who could that possibly be?

Joh 14:17 Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.

Christ calls the Comforter, the spirit of truth whose existence the world cannot accept because it is invisible to them but, Christ tells His disciples that they know who is the Comforter and Spirit of truth because He was then dwelling with them and would later on, after Christ's resurrection and glorification, be in them.

Can anything be clearer that the holy spirit God the Word and Spokesman who became the man Jesus of Nazareth for the purpose, among many other things, to live a sinless life and be God the Father's perfect sacrifice for the sins of mankind is the Comforter and Spirit of truth.

Joh 14:18 I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.

Christ was the Comforter who was with the disciples. He says He will not leave them comfortless or without a comforter.

How would He do that?

He would come to them and all true Christians, dwell in them and be with them forever (John 14:16, last part of the verse) and all true Christians.

What would the Comforter do?

Joh 14:26 But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost,[spirit] whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

The holy spirit God the Word and Spokesman would teach all things to all truly converted Christians called and chosen by the holy spirit God the Father.

This is the very great change that occurred after Christ's death, resurrection, glorification and ascension to His Father. The holy spirit God the Word would teach all things to truly converted Christians by enabling their minds to understand the hidden spiritual truths of God as they study God's word, the holy Bible, Christ in writing.

God's Ongoing Spiritual Creation

In the book of Hebrews, God tells us that in these last days He has been speaking to truly converted Christians by His Son, not by prophets.

Heb 1:1 God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets,

Heb 1:2 Hath [in these last days spoken unto us by his Son](#), whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds;

Prophets, religiously speaking, are men bearing a message from God that is to be given to a person or a group of person but God is clearly telling us, that in these last days, he has been speaking to true Christians by His Son.

Please note that when the book of Hebrews was written, the last days had already begun. Paul says that God "[in these last days](#)", in which he and other Christians were then living, has spoken unto truly converted Christians by His Son. And what does the Son do? As we have already seen, He teaches all things to God the Father's called and chosen ones.

Who is the one and only mediator between true Christians and God the Father?

1Ti 2:5 For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;

Who are the priests of God's Church?

1Pe 2:9 But ye [\[truly converted Christians\]](#) are a chosen generation, [a royal priesthood](#), an [holy](#) nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:

Christians are God's kings and priests and His holy nation. They are God's spiritual nation of Israel or God's Church. They are a holy nation made up of kings who are also priests. Christians are God's royal priesthood and holy nation.

What is the sacrifice this priesthood offers to God? Is it paying tithes and giving offerings?

Rom 12:1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies [a living sacrifice](#), holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

Their reasonable service is to walk in newness of life.

Rom 6:4 Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should [walk in newness of life](#).

Christians have put off their old man which is who they were before their conversion.

Col 3:9 Lie not one to another, seeing that ye [have put off the old man](#) with his deeds;

Col 3:10 And have put on [the new man](#), which is renewed in knowledge [\[God's spiritual truth\]](#) after the image [\[the mind of God\]](#) of him [\[God the Father\]](#) that created him:

Christians are a new creation, a spiritual creation.

2Co 5:17 Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: [\[creation\]](#) old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. [\[They don't see the world in the same way anymore.\]](#)

Christians are a new creature or creation in Christ. They are part of God the Father's ongoing spiritual creation and great will be the reward of those who endure unto the end. This is why Paul tells Christians the following in Rom 8:18-21.

Rom 8:18 For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. [\[true Christians once the become immortal spirit beings\]](#)

Rom 8:19 For the earnest expectation of the creature [\[the](#)

spiritual embryos who are God the Father's begotten sons] waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God. [their birth by a resurrection from the dead to immortal spirit existence as God beings who can no longer sin]

Rom 8:20 For the creature [the physical man created by God] was made subject to vanity, [able to sin] not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected the same in hope,

Mankind was given mind power and the absolute freedom to choose which is what made him subject to vanity, which made him able to sin but this was essential for God to be able to reproduce Himself through man.

Without mind power and the freedom to choose, men could never become God beings. Men have these abilities because they are created in the image of God (mind power and freewill) with mortal flesh-and-blood bodies which will become immortal spirit beings in the resurrection.

Gen 1:26 And God said, Let us make man in our image [with mind power and freedom to choose], after our likeness: [in their physical appearance] and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

Without mind power and freewill, men would be like all the other animals created by God who don't have a mind nor the freedom to choose. Men would then be to God like animals are to human beings. Animals can never become human and human without minds and decision making power, could never become God beings.

Let's go back to reviewing Romans 8.

Rom 8:21 Because the creature [God's ongoing spiritual creation, His spirit begotten sons, His creation or creatures] itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption [sin and death] into the glorious liberty [freedom from sin and death] of the children of God.

Rom 8:22 For we know that the whole creation [the truly converted who are God's spiritual creation or creatures] groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now.

Paul is definitely not talking about the physical creation, the present heaven and earth are finished; nothing more is to be done to them, they are completed.

Gen 2:1 Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them.

The next thing that will happen to this physical creation of God is that it will be destroyed when God creates a new heaven and a new earth after the Great White Throne Judgment at the end of the Last Great Day.

The physical creation is complete.

It is not the ongoing spiritual creation of God where the truly converted Christians who are God the Father's spiritual embryos who eagerly await their birth as sons of God.

Rom 8:23 And not only they, [Christians all over the world] but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, [who are also Christians] even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body.

God's spiritual creation or creatures are greatly looking forward to the redemption of their physical, flesh-and-blood bodies when they will become not adopted sons of God but true sons of God as they were begotten by God the Father. They are His own sons not adopted ones from some other father.

God's called and chosen ones who remain faithful are the creatures of God who are initially made of corruptible flesh and subject to sin but who in the resurrection will be freed from this corruption by becoming born children of God with immortal, spirit bodies that never grow old and die, and who can no longer sin.

This does not leave a lot of room for men and organizations of men to claim they have a vital and essential role to play in the salvation process established by God.

God's Little Flock

Would God's Church be small? Most think, it would not be small; that just about everyone who is going to be called will follow their calling and remain faithful until death.

If that is true, then why do we not today have large and growing congregations of God's Church all over the world like the Roman Catholics do? Why are not just about everybody believing God's truth and applying it in their lives with great zeal? Why instead are there so many different large and influential churches with millions of believers who are not even Christian?

The Bible tells us that at this time God is not calling everybody as He will during the Millennium (Joel 2:28) but it is still many.

Mat 22:14 For many are called, but few are chosen.

They are not chosen because they refuse to follow their calling. They refuse to come out of the world which they see as being not all that bad but what about those who follow their calling?

Mat 7:13 Enter ye [those who are following their calling] in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat:

Mat 7:14 Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.

Of those called and chosen, it is the many that take the broad way that leads to destruction or loss of salvation. This is the way of compromise with the world where the new Christian tries to keep a foot in the world and a foot in the Church. But God tells them it is impossible to serve two masters.

Mat 6:24 No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.

So, of the many called few are chosen and of the few who are chosen, it is the many that take the broad way that leads to destruction. This doesn't leave a whole lot of people who are saved.

Could this be why Christ referred to His church as being the "little flock."

Luk 12:32 Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

Would this little flock become a visible organization in the world?

Conversion

What is conversion? It is a change in attitude from being hostile to God to one of wanting to try to obey Him as much as we can. It is a major change that occurs in the mind; it is not something visible to others like growing a beard, becoming bald, wearing a new suit of clothes, etc.

Is it possible to look at people and determine who are the ones who are truly converted Christians from those who are not Christians? Is there some kind of unmistakable visible sign allowing others, both converted and unconverted, to know whether someone is converted or not? Can Christians recognize each other as they walk the streets of the nations of this world by some secret sign which only they know? In a large auditorium filled with people, is it possible to see who is converted and who is not?

There are no outward visible signs by which Christians can recognize each other and by which the unconverted can recognize them. Not being visible to the world has very real implications when it comes to thinking of God's church as being a visible to the world organization of men.

If they are not visible to each other, how then could they gather into congregations or be under the governance of a headquarters group which sets doctrine for the Church and prescribes what it is the congregations are to be taught?

Is the conversion process initiated by men? Has any man according to the Bible been given the power to call another man to conversion? Does God need the assistance of men for Him to be able to call men, in other words, if there were no men teaching and preaching, would God still be able to call men to salvation, to have a church i.e., a group of people who have committed themselves to obeying Him as best they can?

Christ is the High Priest of NT Christians who teaches them all things and the only mediator between men and God. He is the author and finisher of salvation.

Heb 4:14 Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession.

1Ti 2:5 For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;

Heb 12:2 Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our

faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Col 1:18 And he [Christ, a spirit being] is the head of the body, [a spiritual organism] the church: who is the beginning, [the first human being to become part of God the Father's church by a resurrection from the dead to immortal spirit existence] the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence.

Conclusion

God has been calling many since the day of Pentecost. If it is just about everybody who is going to be saved, then there should already exist all over the world large congregations of God's Church. It should be by far the dominant religion of the world but it isn't. What we see as being the great religions of this world are not the true Christianity of God but false religions created out of the imagination of men and their misreading of God holy Bible.

Christ told His disciples, and Christians of all ages, that if the world (the unconverted) hated Him they would also hate them and all true Christians that would come after them.

Joh 15:18 If the world hate you, [Christ's disciples] ye know that it hated me before it hated you.

Joh 15:19 If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you.

Those who are of the world are the unconverted who are enmity against God and cannot be subject to His law (Rom 8:7). They see God's truth as being foolishness and they hate those who think it is not foolishness and who seek to follow it.

Joh 15:20 Remember the word that I said unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord. If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you; if they have kept my saying, they will keep yours also.

They did not keep Christ's saying nor would they keep those of the disciples. They and all Christians would be persecuted.

Joh 15:21 But all these things will they do unto you for my name's sake, because they know not him that sent me.

They will persecute Christians because they do not know God the Father who sent Christ. They haven't been called by Him and cannot understand spiritual truth. After the day of Pentecost many would be called but few would follow their calling and of those who would follow their calling, few would remain faithful. The majority of the world would remain unconverted.

This means that God's church will be small and not organized into congregations headed up by a great headquarters church which would be very visible in the world. The converted are invisible to the world and to each other so it is not possible for them to come together to form large congregations. Also, if God's church was a visible organization in the world, it would be persecuted.

True Christians' teacher is the holy spirit God the Word and Spokesman, not men and their salvation depends on their maintaining their attitude of obedience to the truth they have no matter how little or how much it may be.

The servant in the parable of the talents (starting with Matt 25:14) with one talent lost his salvation not because he only had one talent but because he didn't make any effort to increase it. Being a truly converted Christian does not require being part of any group of true believers under the leadership of men in a headquarters organization who determine what it is their followers are to believe. It requires having been called and chosen by God the Father; to be taught by God the Word; to have growth in knowledge and understanding; and to remain faithful unto death.

Because the truth of God is hated by the world, the truly converted have to remain invisible in the world and be like sheep among wolves to avoid being persecuted. And, because few are those that remain faithful to their calling, God's Church would always be small as compared to all those who could have been saved had they followed their calling, the multiple billions of the world that will have existed by the end of God's plan of salvation.

This is why Christ referred to His Church as being the little flock. He reassured them that though they would be small and hated by the world as He was whenever it came to its attention that it is to "them" that God will give His kingdom.

Luk 12:32 Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

