

CHAPTER 6

How Much Did It Cost the Early Church to Preach the Gospel?

It is enlightening to observe in the New Testament how the early Christians obeyed the Lord's command to evangelize the world. It is even more enlightening to see how little money it cost them to do such a phenomenal job. I believe this low cost was due to timeless and universal factors that transcend cultures and centuries. What worked for them can work for us.

Go Into All the World and Preach the Gospel

To appreciate the financial cost of New Testament evangelism and discipleship efforts, it is critical that we understand the mindset of the early church. For here is one of the great and timeless factors that enabled it to achieve evangelistic success that is unknown in America: It had a divine sense of purpose.

After Jesus was crucified and raised from the dead, He appeared to His disciples and spoke these words:

All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the