Question

Isn't an evangelist's job outside the church?

Eph 4:11 And He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers, 12 for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ;

Eph 1:21 And He put all things in subjection under His feet, and gave Him as head over all things to the church, 23 which is His body, the fulness of Him who fills all in all.

Evangelists have as one area of work, the equipping of the saints to build up the church!

In 1Tim 3:15, does that refer to formal gatherings or any time we are in the church (i.e. always) since the church is neither a building nor a literal gathering, but rather those who are gathered back to God?

1 Tim 3:15 but in case I am delayed, I write so that you may know how one ought to conduct himself in the household of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and support of the truth.

A lot of people make the mistake of thinking the individual Christian is the church.

Greek *Ekklesia* the group — <u>not an</u> <u>individual.</u>

Greek *Ekklesia* A riotous mob in Acts as well as a legal assembly

Acts 19:30 And when Paul wanted to go into the assembly, the disciples would not let him

Acts 19:32 So then, some were shouting one thing and some another, for the assembly was in confusion, and the majority did not know for what cause they had come together.

Act 19:39 "But if you want anything beyond this, it shall be settled in the lawful assembly.

An individual is not the church.

Individuals may do work for the church but they are not the church.

Acts 13:1 Now there were at Antioch, in the church that was there, prophets and teachers: Barnabas, and Simeon who was called Niger, and Lucius of Cyrene, and Manaen who had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul. 2 And while they were ministering to the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them."

Saul and Barnabas were in the church but they were not the church!

For what does the church come together?

Only one reason is given, although other things are done during that "assembly."

1 Cor 11:20 Therefore when you meet together, it is not to eat the Lord's Supper, 21 for in your eating each one takes his own supper first; and one is hungry and another is drunk.

Acts 20:7 And on the first day of the week, when we were gathered together to break bread, Paul began talking to them, intending to depart the next day, and he prolonged his message until midnight.

1Co 16:1 Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I directed the churches of Galatia, so do you also. (2) On the first day of every week each one of you is to put aside and save, as he may prosper, so that no collections be made when I come.

Question

Who are the rulers and authorities in Eph 3:10?

Eph 3:10 so that the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known through the church to the rulers and the authorities in the heavenly places.

To whom does God wish to demonstrate his wisdom? Mainly Satan

Job 1:8 The LORD said to Satan, "Have you considered My servant Job? For there is no one like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, fearing God and turning away from evil."

Job 2:3 The LORD said to Satan, "Have you considered My servant Job? For there is no one like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man fearing God and turning away from evil. And he still holds fast his integrity, although you incited Me against him to ruin him without cause."

Eph 6:12 For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places.

Other authorities who are there are:

Rev 12:7 And there was war in heaven, Michael and his angels waging war with the dragon. And the dragon and his angels waged war, 8 and they were not strong enough, and there was no longer a place found for them in heaven. 9 And the great dragon was thrown down, the serpent of old who is called the devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.

Question

How do you reconcile the fact of the "spirit of prophecy" in Rev 19:9-10 which is in the Last Days?

Rev 19:10 Then I fell at his feet to worship him. But he said to me, "Do not do that; I am a fellow servant of yours and your brethren who hold the testimony of Jesus; worship God. For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy."

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Who testifies of Jesus?

John 5:31 "If I alone bear witness of Myself, My testimony is not true. 32 "There is another who bears witness of Me, and I know that the testimony which He bears of Me is true. ... 34 "But the witness which I receive is not from man, but I say these things that you may be saved.

2 Peter 1:19 And so we have the prophetic word made more sure, to which you do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star arises in your hearts. 20 But know this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, 21 for no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

What men were moved by the Holy Spirit?

John 14:26 "But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said to

John 17:20 "I do not ask in behalf of these alone, but for those also who believe in Me through their word;

John 20:30 ...which are not written in this book; 31 but these have been written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you may have life in His name.

Has this spirit, which burned within these men finished his work of prophecy?

2 Peter 1:3 seeing that His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence.

We either have all that pertains to life and godliness or we don't. If the New Testament disciples didn't have it all, there was no way Peter could make this statement.

Jude 3 Beloved, while I was making every effort to write you about our common salvation, I felt the necessity to write to you appealing that you contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the

1 Cor 13:9 For we know in part, and we prophesy in part; 10 but when the perfect comes, the partial will be done away.

Prophecy ceased when the word of God was completely delivered. Obviously not at 1Co 13.9 (55 AD) but at the completion of all the writings 69-70 AD

What does this perfect revelation tell us to do?

Mat 28:19-20 "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, (20) teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."