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GOD'S  
ETERNAL  
PURPOSE

THE  
CHURCH'S  
MISSION

# THE CHURCH: GOD'S ETERNAL PLAN

**"The kingdom (i.e., the church) has always existed..."**

**PURPOSE**  
(EPH. 3:1-14)

**PROMISE**  
(GEN. 12:1-3; *et al.*)

**PROPHECY**  
(ISA. 2:2,3; DAN. 2:44; *et al.*)

**PREPARATION**  
(MATT. 3:2; 4:17; 28:19; ACTS 1:4-8; *et al.*)

**PERFECTION**  
(ACTS 2:1-4; 4:32-37; 8:4; *et al.*)



The New Testament church is the *assembly* of people who have **obeyed the gospel**; who wear no other name but **Christ's**; and who use nothing but His **New Testament** as their **authority**, **pattern**, and **guide** in all things.

## 1 TIMOTHY 3:15

"...**the house of God**, which is the church of the living God, **the pillar and ground of the truth**."





# *THE CHURCH'S MAIN OBJECTIVE*

## **1 CORINTHIANS 6:20**

"...**glorify God** therefore in your body."

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## **1 CORINTHIANS 10:31**

"...do all to the **glory of God.**"

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## **1 PETER 4:11**

"...that in all things **God may be glorified** through Jesus Christ..."



# BENEVOLENCE

## GALATIANS 6:9,10

"...let us not be weary in well-doing... **Do good unto all men...**"

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## JAMES 1:27

"Pure religion...is *this*, to **visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction...**"

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## MATTHEW 25:31-46

"...as you did it [*fed, visited, took care of*]... one of...*my brothers*, you did it to **Me**" (40).



# EDIFICATION

## ROMANS 14:19

"...*follow after* things...whereby we may **edify one another**..."

## ROMANS 15:1-3

"Let each one please his *neighbor*, unto **edifying**..."

## 1 CORINTHIANS 10:23,24

"...'All things are *lawful*,' but not all things **edify**.

Let no one seek his *own* good, but [seek] **the good of his neighbor**."



## 1 CORINTHIANS 14:12

"So with yourselves, since you are eager for manifestations of the Spirit, strive to excel in **building up the church.**"

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## EPHESIANS 4:11,12

"And he gave the *apostles*, the *prophets*, the *evangelists*, the *shepherds* and *teachers*, to equip the *saints* for the work of ministry, **for the building up of the body of Christ.**"





# EVANGELISM

## THE GREAT COMMISSION

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"**GO...** **preach the gospel** to *the whole creation*" (MARK 16:15).

"**GO...** **disciple** *all the nations*, **teaching** *them...*" (MATT. 28:18-20).

"*...repentance and remission of sins should be preached...to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem*" (LUKE 24:46,47).





## ROMANS 10:4-14

"...For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved... For *'everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved'*..." (10,13).

1. **"HOW WILL THEY CALL ON HIM IN WHOM THEY HAVE NOT BELIEVED?"**
2. **"HOW ARE THEY TO BELIEVE IN HIM OF WHOM THEY HAVE NEVER HEARD?"**
3. **"HOW ARE THEY TO HEAR WITHOUT SOMEONE PREACHING [TO THEM]?"**



## ACTS 8:1-4

"And there arose...a **great persecution** against the church..., and they were all *scattered* throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria... They therefore that were *scattered* abroad **went about** **preaching the word.**"





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**MATTHEW 6:33**

"But **seek first His kingdom** and  
His righteousness..."

CLOSER TO CHRIST.





# ***GOD'S ETERNAL PURPOSE***

## **EPHESIANS 3:6-11**

**"To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, and to bring to light for everyone...the plan...hidden for ages in God, who created all things, **SO THAT THE MANIFOLD WISDOM OF GOD MIGHT NOW BE MADE KNOWN THROUGH THE CHURCH...****

This was **ACCORDING TO HIS ETERNAL PURPOSE** that [God] has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord..."

