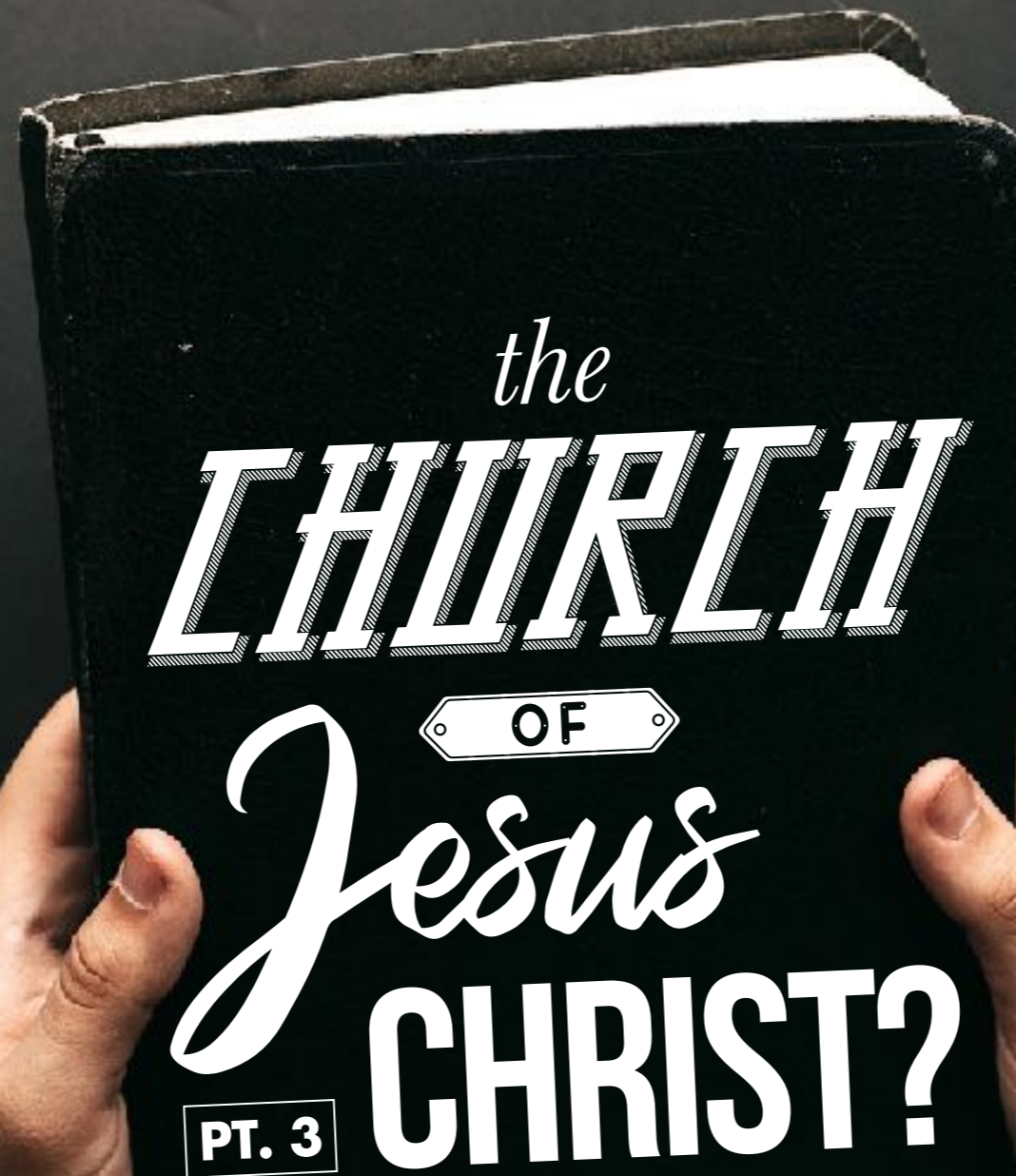


WHAT DOES THE BIBLE TEACH ABOUT...



# **Why are we here?**

**Not here on earth as *human beings*...**

**Not here today *in this building*...**

**What is the purpose of the  
existence of the kingdom of  
God—the church of Christ?**

# THE CHURCH'S MAIN OBJECTIVE "NUTSHELL" VERSION

## 1 CORINTHIANS 6:20

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

## 1 CORINTHIANS 10:31

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

## 1 PETER 4:11

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

# 3 BENEVOLENCE

## 1 CORINTHIANS 3:9

"For we are **God's fellow workers**. You are **God's field, God's building.**"

## 3 BENEVOLENCE

### GALATIANS 6:9,10

"And let us not grow weary of **doing good**... So then, as we have opportunity, let us **work that which is good toward all men**, and *especially to those who are of the household of the faith.*"

# **3 BENEVOLENCE**

**DO GOOD TO ALL, ESPECIALLY TO  
FELLOW CHRISTIANS (GAL. 6:9,10)**

**SUPPORT WIDOWS (1 TIM. 5:8-16)**

**CARE FOR ORPHANS & WIDOWS (JAS. 1:27)**

**REMEMBER THE POOR (GAL. 2:10)**

**DO HONEST WORK, TO HAVE SOMETHING  
TO SHARE WITH ANY IN NEED (EPH. 4:28)**

# **3 BENEVOLENCE**

**CHURCH-SUPPORTED WIDOWS (ACTS 6:1-6)**

**CHRISTIANS IN GALATIA HAD HELPED  
ONE ANOTHER (GAL. 6:1ff)**

**MACEDONIANS WENT ABOVE & BEYOND  
TO HELP JUDÆAN BRETHREN (2 COR. 8:1-5)**

**THESSALONIANS' REPUTATION: "WORK OF  
FAITH AND LABOR OF LOVE" (1 THESS. 1:3)**

## 2 EVANGELISM

**MARK 16:15**

"**GO** into all the world and  
**proclaim the gospel** to  
the whole creation."



## **2** EVANGELISM

**MATTHEW 28:19,20**

**"GO** therefore and **make**  
**disciples** of all nations...,  
**teaching them** to observe all  
that I have commanded you..."

## **2** EVANGELISM

### **EPHESIANS 3:10,11**

“...so that **through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known...** *This* was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus...”

## 2 EVANGELISM

### ROMANS 10:4-14

"How then will they call on him *in whom they have not believed?*" (14a).

"Or *how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard?*" (14b).

"And **how are they to hear without someone preaching to them?**" (14c).

## ACTS 8:4

"They therefore that were scattered abroad, **WENT ABOUT preaching the word.**"

someone preaching to them?" (14c).

# WHAT IS THE PURPOSE & MISSION OF THE NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH?

## **1 EDIFICATION**

**ROM. 14:19-15:3; 1 COR. 10:23**

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

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

"'All things are lawful,' but **not all things edify**. Let no one seek his *own* good, but **the good of his neighbor.**"

# WHAT IS THE PURPOSE & MISSION OF THE NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH?

## **1 EDIFICATION**

**1 COR. 14:12; EPH. 4:12**

*"...strive to excel in **building up the church**" (1 Cor. 14:12).*

*"...unto the **building up of the body of Christ**" (Eph. 4:12).*

# SHORT VERSION

## HEBREWS 5:12-6:1

1. To lead *lost* souls **TO** Jesus.
2. To lead *found* souls **CLOSER** to Jesus.

# SHORT VERSION

## SHORTER VERSION

**"Seek first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness..."**

MATTHEW 6:33a



# WHAT IS THE SECRET TO MISSION SUCCESS?

## EPHESIANS 4:1-16

"the **unity** of the Spirit" (3-6,13)

"the **bond** of **peace**" (3)

"the **whole body**" (16)

"the **working**" (12,16)

"in **due measure**" (16)

"of **each part**" (16)