

What Do We Know About The Church That Jesus Founded?

Romans 8:28-29

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I. THE CHURCH HAS A PURPOSE

A. To Seek and Save the Lost. Luke 19:10

1. All people matter to God and we are to reveal Christ's Love, Forgiveness, Mercy and Grace to them.

- We have to give people time to be transformed, as we have been, in the church.

2. We seek those that we love, know that have a need for Christ in their lives.

- They do not know that their souls are lost in the eternal life after death.

II. THE CHURCH HAS A MISSION

A. To lead people to the decision to accept what Jesus did for them on the Cross, by paying the price of sin and to be publically Baptized. Matthew 19:20

B. To equip those that are saved to do the ministry of Jesus Christ. Ephesians 4:11-16

III. THE CHURCH HAS RESPONSIBILITY

A. To Worship God privately and corporately. Acts 2:46-47

B. To Fellowship. Acts 2:42 (Koinonia) Acts 4:34-35

C. To Develop Leaders. Acts 2:42-43, Acts 4:32-33

D. To Nurture by the Apostles' Teaching. Acts 5:25

E. To Witness to those who does not know Christ. Acts 8:1-6

IV. THE CHURCH HAS STRUCTURE AS THE BODY OF CHRIST

A. Christ is the Head of Church. Ephesians 1:20-23

B. Believers make up the body of the Church with their gift mix. Romans 12:3-8, I Corinthians 12:12-25

Application Questions

1. What did God say to me that I did not know about the Church?
2. How do I measure up to what I knew about the Church?
3. What action (s) do I need to take to bring my life to the Purpose, Mission, Responsibilities and the structure of the Church?

- V. The Church becomes a learning center for **families** to grow in Christ in order to reproduce others in Christ. II Timothy 2:2
- VI. The Church is where believers come together to do ministry in their community for outreach to allow the common unity of the fellowship of believers that impact their community and neighborhoods. **Romans 15:26, I Corinthians 16:15**
- VII. The Church is to **strengthen** other churches who do not have the same gift mix of the teaching church. **II Corinthians 8:1-7, 9:10-15**
- VIII. The Church should **mentor, model** and **maximize** the potential of each believer for the cause of Christ and His Ministry. **Romans 1:8, Ephesians 3:20**
- IX. The Church is to **plant** new churches in other fields of mission for the spreading of the Gospel. **Acts 13:4-6, 16:1-5**