

*THE PURPOSES OF THE CHURCH*

- I. A RIGHT VIEW OF GOD
- II. A RIGHT VIEW OF MAN
- III. A RIGHT VIEW OF SCRIPTURE
- IV. A RIGHT VIEW OF THE CHURCH

**Matt 16:13-20**

1. A Unique Foundation
2. A Unique Certainty
3. A Unique Ownership

**church = *ekklesia* – ‘called out from’**

*Universal ekklesia*

*Local ekklesia*

# THREE PURPOSES OF THE CHURCH..

I. EXALTATION...*ministry to God*

II. EDIFICATION...*ministry to believers*

III. EVANGELIZATION...*ministry to the world*

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## I. EXALTATION OF GOD

*Eph 1:11-12 - ...we have...been predestined...12 to the end that we...would be to the praise of His glory.*

*Phil 3:3 – those who are truly saved are those who worship God in the spirit...*

*Rom 12:1 - I urge you...to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship.*

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### *A. Through the Teaching of the Word*

*Eph 4:11-12 - 11 And (Christ) 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...*

## II. EDIFICATION OF BELIEVERS

### A. *Through the Teaching of the Word*

*1 Tim 4:13 - Until I come, give attention to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation and teaching.*

*1 Tim 5:17 - The elders who rule well are to be considered worthy of double honor, especially those who work hard at preaching and teaching.*

*1 Tim 3:15 – ...the church is called the pillar and support of the truth.*

## II. EDIFICATION OF BELIEVERS

*A. Through the Teaching of the Word*

*B. Through the Exercise of Spiritual Gifts*

*1 Cor 12:4-7*

All spiritual gifts have:

1. The same source – God’s Holy Spirit.
2. The same purpose – to bless God’s people.
3. The same results – the building up of God’s people.



## II. EDIFICATION OF BELIEVERS

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*B. Through the Exercise of Spiritual Gifts*

*C. Through the Practice of the One Anothers*

Happens in the CONTEXT OF RELATIONSHIPS.

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**We *GATHER* for exaltation and edification...but we *SCATTER* to evangelize.**

### III. EVANGELIZATION OF THE LOST

Two primary ways we evangelize:

#### *A. Through Our Lives*

*Matt 5:14-15 - 14 You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden; 15 nor does anyone light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house.*

*Phil 2:15-16 - we are to be children without blemish in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation...we are to shine as lights in the world, holding fast the word of life.*

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*1 Pet 3:15 - but sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts, always being ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you, yet with gentleness and reverence.*

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*Matt 28:19-20 - ...as you go...make disciples of ALL nations.*

*Acts 1:8 - ...you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth.*

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*1 Cor 16:8-9 - ...I will remain at Ephesus until Pentecost; for a wide door for effective service has opened to me, and there are many adversaries.*

*1 Cor 15:58 - ...be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your toil is not in vain in the Lord.*