

# LESSON 1-THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH



# THE CHURCH IS THE RESULT OF GOD'S ETERNAL PURPOSE (MAT. 16:13-18)

“When Jesus came into the region of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, saying, “**Who do men say that I, the Son of Man, am?**” 14 So they said, “Some say John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” 15 He said to them, “**But who do you say that I am?**” 16 Simon Peter answered and said, “**You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.**” 17 Jesus answered and said to him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in heaven. 18 And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock *I will build My church*, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.”

## (1 COR. 15:14-17)

“And if Christ is not risen, then our preaching is empty and your faith is also empty. 15 Yes, and we are found false witnesses of God, because we have testified of God that He raised up Christ, whom He did not raise up—if in fact the dead do not rise. 16 For if the dead do not rise, then Christ is not risen. 17 And if Christ is not risen, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins!”

- **QUESTION: IF THE CHURCH WAS PART OF GOD'S ETERNAL PLAN WHAT DOES THAT INDICATE ABOUT ITS ENDURANCE AND IMPORTANCE?**

1. It has an Unchanging purpose:
2. It provides Community and fellowship:
3. It is a Light to the world:
4. It has a role Beyond this life:

# **THE CHURCH IS RULED BY HIS DIVINE WILL AND AUTHORITY, (EPH. 1:17-23)**

“that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, 18 the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know **what is the hope of His calling**, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, 19 and **what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe**, according to the working of His mighty power 20 which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, 21 far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come. 22 **And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church**, 23 which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all”



**THERE IS A DIVINE PLAN FOR THE CHURCH  
IN ACCOMPLISHING GOD'S PURPOSES  
(EPH. 4:11)**

“And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers”

**THE CHURCH HAS BEEN GIVEN A DIVINE  
PROGRAM OF WORK OR ACTIVITY  
(EPH. 4:12)**

“for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ,”



- **QUESTION: WHOM HAS GOD SET WITHIN THE CHURCH TO CARRY OUT IT'S PURPOSE?**

**WHAT THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH IS NOT.  
(1) THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH IS NOT TO  
BECOME A SOCIAL INSTITUTION.**

Romans 14:17 “for the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.”

1 Cor. 11:20-22 “Therefore when you come together in one place, it is not to eat the Lord’s Supper. 21 For in eating, each one takes his own supper ahead of others; and one is hungry and another is drunk. 22 What! Do you not have houses to eat and drink in?”

**WHAT THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH IS NOT.  
(2) THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH IS NOT A  
POLITICAL INSTITUTION.**

Mat. 22:21 “And He said to them, “Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s.”

**WHAT THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH IS NOT.  
(3) THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH IS NOT MAKING  
MONEY.**

1 Cor.16:1-2 “Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I have given orders to the churches of Galatia, so you must do also: 2 On the first day of the week **let each one of you lay something aside**, storing up as he may prosper, that there be no collections when I come.”

**WHAT THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH IS NOT.  
(4) THE CHURCH IS NOT A COURT OR SCHOOL OF  
DOMESTIC RELATIONS.**

2 Tim.4:1-2 “I charge you therefore before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, who will judge the living and the dead at His appearing and His kingdom: 2 **Preach the word!** Be ready in season and out of season.

Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching.”

**WHAT THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH IS NOT.  
(5) THE CHURCH IS NOT ABOUT SECULAR  
EDUCATION**

# **CONCLUSION:**

- 1. The mission of the church is to make disciples**
- 2. The mission of the church is to glorify Christ.**
- 3. The mission of the church is to build up the saints.**