

THE WORK AND MISSION OF THE CHURCH

Every thing imaginable is being done today in the name of religion. Today its hard to attract a crowd if all you do is just preach the gospel. But what is the biblical mission of the church? What are we authorized to do or not to do?

- I. The Church is the Body of Christ. Col 1:18
 - A. Its work should be in keeping with its head Christ Jesus. Eph 1:22
 - B. The Church is a spiritual body and its mission is spiritual.

- II. The Mission of Jesus Christ.
 - A. Preach the Gospel. Mk 1:38
 - B. Seek and save the lost. Lk 19:10
 - C. Manifest the Father. Jn 14:9
 - D. Establish a spiritual kingdom the church. Mt 16:18

- III. The Mission of the Church.
 - A. Manifest God's eternal purpose. Eph 3:10, II Tim 1:8-10
 - B. Spiritual in scope. Col 3:1-2
 - C. Preach the Gospel. Rom 1:15-16, Mt 28:18

- IV. The church preaches the gospel by individual members preaching.
 - A. Each member has obligation to preach to others. James 5:19-20
 - B. Must tell neighbors, family, and friends about Christ.
 - C. This is where most church growth will take place.

- V. The church preaches the gospel by sending out evangelists.
 - A. Example of Paul. Acts
 - B. Paul's statement of purpose. Rom 10:13-17

- VI. The church has mission to edify itself.
 - A. By Elders. Eph 4:11-14
 - B. By teachers.
 - C. By leaders.
 - D. When church edifys itself it grows internally.

- VII. Church has obligation of helping needy saints.
 - A. Poor. I Cor 16:1-2
 - B. Widows in deed. I Tim 5:3-16
 - C. Preachers. I Cor 9

- VIII. Church does not have the mission of the following.
 - A. Secular education.
 - B. Day care.
 - C. Recreation.
 - D. Community counseling.
 - E. Politics.

- IX. Christ's mission was spiritual and so is the mission of the church.