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FAITH AND GRACE CHURCH

BIBLE STUDY NOTE

ON

THE ARK OF GOD FAITH AND GRACE CHURCH

STUDY 4- **CHURCH** (PART B)-THE PURPOSES OF THE CHURCH

Text: Matt.22:37-40, 28:18-20, Mark 16:15-16, Acts 1:8, James 1:27, Acts 2:42,

INTRODUCTION

The purposes of the Church are given by the founder and owner of the Church Himself – Jesus Christ our Lord – from His Great Commandment Matt. 22:37-40, and His Great Commission Matt. 28:18-20. We derive the five purposes of the Church from these two Scriptures as follow:

Purpose No. 1: LOVE THE LORD WITH ALL YOUR HEART – WORSHIP

The Church exist to worship God. how do we love the Lord with all our heart? By worshipping Him. See Matt.4:10. Worship comes before service

Purpose No. 2: LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF – MINISTRY

The Church exist to minister to people. Ministry is demonstrating God's love to others by meeting their needs and healing their hurts in the Name of Jesus. The Church is to minister to all kinds of needs: spiritual, emotional, relational, and physical. The church is to ".....equip the saints for the work of the ministry" Eph.4:12

Purpose No. 3: GO AND MAKE DISCIPLES – EVANGELISM

The Church exists to communicate God's word. We are ambassadors for Christ, and our mission is to evangelize the world. It is every Christian's responsibility to share the Good news wherever we go. We are to tell the whole world of Christ coming, His death on the Cross, His resurrection, and His promise to return. The task of evangelism is so important, Christ actually gave us five Great commissions, one in each of the gospels, and one in the Book of Acts. Matt.28:19-20, Mk.16:15, Lk.24:47-49, Jn.20:21, and Acts 1:8. Jesus commissions us to go and tell the world the message of salvation.

Purpose No. 4: BAPTIZING THEM – FELLOWSHIP

We are called to belong, not just to believe, we are not meant to live lone-rangers lives, instead, we are to belong to Christ family and the members of His body. Baptism is not only a symbol of salvation, it is a symbol of fellowship, it visualizes a person's incorporation into the body of Christ. Eph. 2:19. The Church exists to provide fellowship for believers.

Purpose No. 5: TEACH THEM TO OBEY – DISCIPLESHIP

The Church exist to edify, or educate, God's people. Discipleship is the process of helping people become more like Christ in their thoughts, feelings, and actions.Col.1:28. As the church we are not only to reach people, but also to teach them, and develop them to spiritual maturity. Eph. 4:12b-13

By examining the earthly ministry of Jesus, it is apparent that he included all five of these elements in His work (John 17)

The clearest example of all the five purposes is the early Church in Jerusalem. Acts 2: 42-47. They thought each other, they fellowshiped together, they worshiped, they ministered, and they evangelized.

By the Grace of God, Faith and Grace Church will be driven by these five purposes – Worship, Ministry, Evangelism, Fellowship, and Discipleship.

OUR MISSION AND PURPOSE STATEMENT:

To magnify God's Name by:

- Bringing people to Jesus and membership in His family
- Develop them to Christ-like maturity, and
- Equipping them for their ministry in the church and life mission in the world