

*THE PURPOSE OF THE CHURCH, PT. 1*

*Ephesians 1:1-14*

*Why does the church exist?*

*What are we to be as a church?*

*What are we to do as a church?*

*How are we to do it?*

*The purpose of the church is not to ...*

1. Save the world.

*I Timothy 4:1*

*II Timothy 3:1-5*

2. Serve the world.

3. Fight the world.

4. Imitate the world.

5. Isolate itself from the world.

I. *The Purpose of the Church Is to Exalt God.*

*“exalt” – To glorify God, to worship God, to lift up His name*

*Ephesians 1:5-6, 11-14; 3:21*

A. *Through Our Praise and Prayer*

*Psalm 50:14-15, 23*

*John 14:13*

*Hebrews 13:15*

*Romans 1:21*

B. *Through Our Fruit-bearing*

*John 15:8*

1. *Fruit of the Spirit*

*Galatians 5:22-23*

2. *Fruit of Soul-winning*

*Acts 1:8*

*II Thessalonians 3:1*

*John 15:4-5*

C. *Through Our Good Works*

*Matthew 5:13-16*

*I Peter 2:11-12*

D. *Through Our Faith and Belief in God’s Word*

*Romans 4:19-21*

*I Samuel 24:1-15*

*Daniel 3:16-18*

II. *The Purpose of the Church Is to Evangelize the Lost*

III. *The Purpose of the Church Is to Equip / Edify the Believer*

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