

What Exactly Is The “Work Of The Church”?

Introduction:

- A. A “mission statement” – something that portrays or conveys the goal for a special service or work. It defines a task or function or the purpose for doing something.

- B. But what about the church of the New Testament? Do God’s people have a mission?

I. God Had A Plan

- A. *Ephesians 3:8-11* – the church was a part of God’s eternal purpose.

- B. *Hebrews 8:1-2* – the church is the “true tabernacle” built by God Himself.
 - 1. The Old Testament tabernacle was a “shadow” of things to come (*Hebrews 8:3-5*).
 - a. God had a pattern He expected to be followed (*Exodus 25:9,40; 26:30*).
 - b. Moses and the children of Israel followed God’s plan (*Exodus 39:42-43; 40:16*).
 - 2. Remember the point of *Hebrews 8*!
 - a. Christ has enacted a better covenant (*Hebrews 8:6; 9:11-14*).
 - b. The church is now described as the holy temple of God (*Ephesians 2:19-22*).
 - 3. And guess what? There is still a pattern to be followed (*2 Timothy 3:16-17*)!

II. What Is The Mission Of The Lord’s Church?

- A. To provide a unit of _____ (spiritual _____) for the saved

- B. To _____

- C. To _____ the “_____” throughout the world

- D. To _____ ourselves with the _____ of God’s _____

- E. To be engaged in _____ of _____ work

Our great concern? To let the church be the church!