

Mission/Purpose of Church

- *to the intent that now **the manifold wisdom of God might be made known by the church** to the principalities and powers in the heavenly places, **11 according to the eternal purpose** which He accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord, Eph 3:10-12*
- The church – centerpiece of God’s eternal purpose.
- The intent of the church: Make God’s manifold wisdom known to principalities and powers in the heavenly places. (A Purpose beyond this Creation).
- Our role in this fellowship is to show God’s wisdom by doing things exactly as He revealed them.
- We want the church to reflect His wisdom! Not ours!

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- *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.*
Eph. 1:22
- Jesus came to “*build My church*” Mt 16:16-18
- After Jesus completed building it, He returned to heaven and God made Him head over all things.
- He is the head and the church is His body.
- The church exists to do the will of her head.

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- Each member of His body, the church, is created in Christ Jesus. This creation is summed up in 2:1-9:
- *when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ Eph 2:2*
- After our baptism we are a new creation and that creation occurred in Christ.
- We are then members of His body the church.

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- After God created us in Christ Jesus we became His workmanship (product with a purpose).
- The purpose of the members of the church, His body is to do good works.
- The good works the church, His body was created to do was prepared beforehand (in eternity).
- All **GOOD WORKS GOD PREPARED BEFOREHAND** are given in the Scriptures.

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- All Good Works that were prepared beforehand and reflect God's Wisdom and not ours **MUST** be found in Scripture.
- If they are not in the Scriptures they are not among the good works God prepared beforehand and we are not manifesting His wisdom but ours if we do them.
- If the church is doing what is not in the Bible they do not reflect His wisdom to those in heaven.

Good Works

- The **good works** God prepared for us to walk in of necessity must be revealed in Scripture.
- We can only know God prepared them if they are in Scripture.
- *Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the heart of man The things which **God has prepared** for those who love Him." 10 But **God has revealed them to us through His Spirit.** 1Cor. 2:9-10*
- **If the Spirit did not reveal them, God did not prepare them!**

Good Works – ONLY Found in Scripture

- *ALL Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, 17 that the man of God may be COMPLETE, THOROUGHLY EQUIPPED for EVERY GOOD WORK. 2 Tim 3:16-17*
- **All Scripture = complete** There is nothing more!
- **All Scripture = thoroughly equipped** No More!
- Without Scripture it Cannot Be a good work we are complete and thoroughly equipped to do.
- There are NO good works God prepared outside Scripture

Good Works

- If they are **not in Scripture we devised them.**
- If they are **not in Scripture they are “*of men*”**
- ***And in vain they worship Me, Teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.’ 8 For laying aside the commandment of God, you hold the tradition of men Mark 7:7-8***

When Jesus Built the Church

- *when He comes into the world, He says, “**I have come to do Thy will, O God.**”* Heb 10:5,7
- *My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to **accomplish his work.*** Jn 4:34
- *I seek not mine own will, but the will of him that **sent me.*** Jn 5:30
- *I am come down from heaven, **not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me.*** 6:38

With Jesus as Head of the Church

- *I am come down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me. 6:38*
- *"Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but **he who does the will of My Father in heaven**. 22 Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?' 23 And **then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!'** Mt 7:21*
- Lawlessness = Not doing God's will (in Scripture)

THIS IS NOT NEW

- Cain rejected for improper sacrifice. Gen 4:1-8
- Nadab and Abihu struck dead for failing to heed precise instructions. Lev 10:1-3
- Moses barred from promised land for striking rock and failing to honor God. Num 20:1-12
- Uzziah made leprous because as a king from Judah he sought to offer the sacrifice only those of Levi were allowed to do.
- Jeroboam destroyed for changing the worship of God's people. IKings 12:25-33; 14:7-11

A Good Work in the Days of David

- *And David consulted with the captains of thousands and of hundreds, even with every leader. 2 And David said unto all the assembly of Israel, If it seem good unto you, and if it be of Jehovah our God, let us send abroad every where unto our brethren that are left in all the land of Israel, with whom the priests and Levites are in their cities that have suburbs, that they may gather themselves unto us; 3 and let us bring again the ark of our God to us: for we sought not unto it in the days of Saul. 4 And all the assembly said that they would do so; for the thing was right in the eyes of all the people. 1 Chr 13:1-4*

The Good Work Fulfilled

- *And David went up, and all Israel, to Baalah, (that is), to Kiriath-jearim, which belonged to Judah, to bring up from thence the ark of God Jehovah that sitteth (above) the cherubim, that is called by the Name. 7 And they carried the ark of God upon a new cart, (and brought it) out of the house of Abinadab: and Uzza and Ahio drove the cart. 8 And David and all Israel played before God with all their might, even with songs, and with harps, and with psalteries, and with timbrels, and with cymbals, and with trumpets. 1 Chr 13:6-8*

- Everyone sincerely worshiping, and praising God.
- Celebration, joy, worship, praise, and songs!
- Everyone with all their might gave God glory.
- Yet in the midst of all the plans was a “*tiny*” error
- The ark was on a cart.
- While celebrating an unexpected event occurred.
- The oxen stumbled, the cart lurched, and the ark began to tip!
- Uzzah did what everyone would have expected, he reached up to steady it.
- *And when they came to the threshing-floor of Nacon, Uzzah put forth (his hand) to the ark of God, and took hold of it; for the oxen stumbled. 2 Sam 6:6*

- *And the anger of Jehovah was kindled against Uzzah; and God smote him there for his error; and there he died by the ark of God. 2 Sam 6:7*
- The Celebrations ended with the death of Uzzah.
- David was not happy.

● *And David was displeased, because Jehovah had broken forth upon Uzzah; and he called that place Perez-uzzah, unto this day. 9 And David was afraid of Jehovah that day; and he said, How shall the ark of Jehovah come unto me? 10 So David would not remove the ark of Jehovah unto him into the city of David; but David carried it aside into the house of Obed-edom the Gittite. 11 And the ark of Jehovah remained in the house of Obed-edom the Gittite three months: and Jehovah blessed Obed-edom, and all his house. 2 Sam 6:8-11*

Three Months Later

- *And (David) made him houses in the city of David; and he prepared a place for the ark of God, and pitched for it a tent. 2 Then David said, None ought to carry the ark of God but the Levites: for them hath Jehovah chosen to carry the ark of God, and to minister unto him for ever. 3 And David assembled all Israel at Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of Jehovah unto its place, which he had prepared for it. 1 Chr 15:1-3*
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- *And David called for Zadok and Abiathar the priests, and for the Levites, for Uriel, Asaiah, and Joel, Shemaiah, and Eliel, and Amminadab, 12 and said unto them, Ye are the heads of the fathers' (houses) of the Levites: sanctify yourselves, both ye and your brethren, that ye may bring up the ark of Jehovah, the God of Isrvael, unto the place that I have prepared for it. 13 For because ye (bare it) not at the first, Jehovah our God made a breach upon us, for that we sought him not according to the ordinance. 14 So the priests and the Levites sanctified themselves to bring up the ark of Jehovah, the God of Israel. 15 And the children of the Levites bare the ark of God upon their shoulders with the staves thereon, as Moses commanded according to the word of Jehovah. Outcome 1 Ch 15:11-15*