

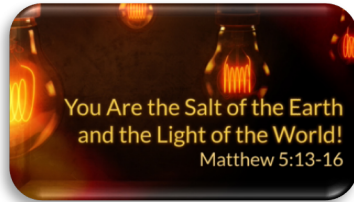
## Ministry to the World (Continued...)

### ✧ Purpose #6 – To Uphold A Moral Standard

↪ “The church is ‘the light of the world,’ to **banish** moral ignorance; it is ‘the salt of the earth’ to **preserve it** from moral corruption... against the **downward trends of society** it must lift **a warning voice**; at all **danger points** it must plant **a beacon light.**”<sup>6</sup>

↪ See Matthew 5:13-16; 2 Corinthians 5:19; Galatians 2:7; 1 Timothy 1:11; 3:15; Philippians 2:16; Jude 3.

↪ “Few worldly communities realize the true worth of the people of God in their midst. But surely, not many of the ungodly would want to live in a world **where there were no Christian influence.**”<sup>7</sup>



### The Purpose of the Church Is A Vital Mission & Ministry To The World.

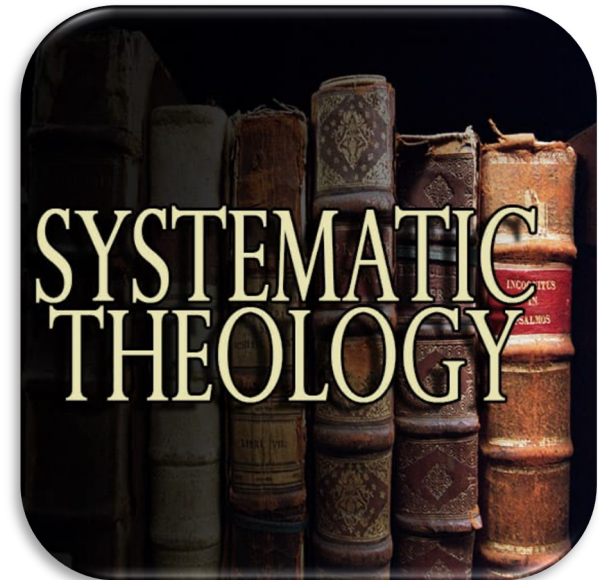
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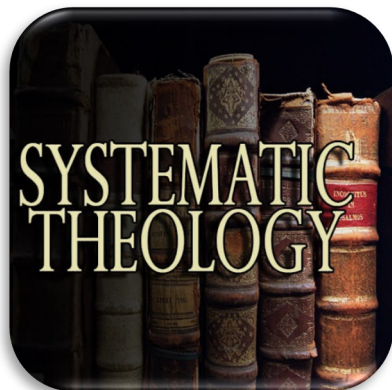
**ECCLESIOLOGY (Part 9)**

The Doctrine of the New Testament Church:

The Purpose of the Church

[Part A – "It's Mission & Ministry: Lesson #3 –Social Concerns &  
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## Ministry to the World

✦ Purpose #5 – Social Concerns & Responsibilities

↪ The New Testament emphasizes giving material help to those who are part of the church (Acts 11:29; 2 Corinthians 8:4; 1 John 3:17), [but] there is still an affirmation that it is right to help unbelievers even if they do not respond with gratitude or acceptance of the gospel message." <sup>2</sup>



↪ See Luke 6:35-36; Matthew 25:31-46; Luke 10:25-37 <sup>3</sup>

**"Inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these  
My brethren, you did it to Me." ~ Jesus**

**And Who Is My Neighbor?**

**"He who showed mercy." / "Go and do likewise" ~ Jesus**

☆ Practical Application: Participation in civic activities, influencing governmental policies to align more with biblical moral principles, addressing systematic injustice, praying, speaking out. <sup>4</sup>

↪ The Need for Balance ~ Such ministries of mercy to the world should never become a substitute for genuine evangelism or for the other areas of ministry to God and to believers. <sup>5</sup>

