

What's It All For?

# The New Testament Church

- three thousand people received his word were baptized.
- the church was added to daily.
- believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

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Acts 20:20-21

You know that I did not *avoid proclaiming to you anything that was profitable or from teaching you* publicly and from house to house. *I testified to both Jews and Greeks about repentance* toward God and faith in our Lord Jesus.

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3. The church exalts Christ by the display of *mature believers*.

Knowing yourself begins with knowing God.