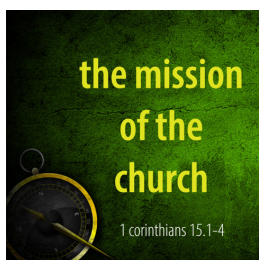


# Mission of the Church

What the first christians understood

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**Intro:** The called out people of God must understand clearly they have been called out to do. Confusion has erupted and out of false teachings arises false missions. Have God's people lost their way? Is it possible we have forgotten what our mission actually is? Today we will explore the church of the New Testament and see what they understood their mission to be.

## Scripture Reading

I Corinthians 15:1-4

**No confusion** Matt 16:18 My Church / Eph 4:4 \_\_\_\_\_ / John 17:20-21 One

### 1. Unite in Prayer Together

**James 5:14-16** Many benefits when God's people pray together

**Romans 15:30-33** Family of God were joint participants in Paul's work with \_\_\_\_\_

**Acts 12:12** Peter in prison - christians were praying

### 2. Engage in Life Together

**Romans 12:4-9** Body - Many - Result= Faith, service, teaching, \_\_\_\_\_, giving, generosity, leading, diligence, mercy, cheerfulness

To be part of Body of Christ and not value its members is \_\_\_\_\_

**Hebrews 10:24** Christians \_\_\_\_\_ one another and seize the moments

**Acts 20:7** Assembled - breaking bread - soaking up message of God

### 3. Excel in Serving One Another

**I John 3:17** Believers in God demonstrate their love for God in serving others

**Acts 6:1,3,5** Struggling widows - Plan to serve

**Philippians 4:18** Christians at Philippi \_\_\_\_\_ Epaphroditis to serve Paul

**Acts 9:36** Dorcas - served others by making \_\_\_\_\_

**Acts 2:45** Selling things to help with needs **Acts 4:34-35** Not a \_\_\_\_\_ person

**I Corinthians 15:1-4** The mission of the church is to teach and uphold that Jesus was the son of God, crucified for my sins and then rose victoriously from the grave. Salvation is through Him.

**John 14:6 - Ephesians 2:4-6 - I Timothy 2:5 - John 3:16 - Acts 4:12**

**I Corinthians 2:2** Paul was determined to keep this mission a priority

**Luke 19:10** It's all about Jesus - Salvation through Him is our mission

## Answers

**Do you think early christians understood the mission of the church?**

**Acts 2** Peter & apostles taught it

**Acts 3/4** Peter/John teaching it

**Acts 5:40** Apostles beaten for teaching Jesus

**Acts 7:52** Stephen taught it

**Acts 8:35** Phillip preaching it

The mission of the church is \_\_\_\_\_!

Exhortation  
One  
Consider  
Needy  
Prayers  
Clothes  
Jesus  
Hypocrisy  
Provided