

Proof of Life

Acts 13:1-3

The sign of life is a heartbeat, and the heartbeat of the church is missions.

"Any church that is not seriously involved in helping fulfill the Great Commission has forfeited its biblical right to exist." -- Oswald J. Smith

A church that is alive, is a church that sends.

4 characteristics of a church that sends:

1. Sending is the result of faithful preaching and teaching
2. Sending accompanies true worship

"God uses men who are weak and feeble enough to lean on him." -- Hudson Taylor

3. Sending is the fruit of expectancy
4. Sending involves the support of the whole church

Shift from "gaining by addition", to "gaining by losing"