

### The church and its mission

As the Bible describes, the church consists of all people who have received forgiveness through Jesus Christ and placed their faith in Him as the only sacrifice for their sins. The church is the **body of Christ** and includes all Christians, with no boundaries regarding age, race, gender, or denomination. Every believer collectively makes up the church and is the dwelling place of God through the Holy Spirit.

### The Church Belongs to Jesus

The Church belongs to Jesus, **Matthew 16** and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.

Jesus Christ is the head of the church. **Ephesians 1:22** 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.

Each Christian is an integral part of the church. The names of all true believers who have accepted Christ and live for Him are written in heaven, **Hebrews 12:23** to the general assembly and church of the firstborn (Jesus) who are registered in heaven, to God the Judge of all, to the spirits of just men made perfect,

We are part of the Church, and we belong to Jesus

Here at Calvary Chapel Assembly of God, we have a mission statement

**Love - Serve - Reach - Connect**, which we believe embodies the general mission of the church

### The church has a fourfold purpose and a mission

#### The church has a mission

#### 1. The church is designed to be an agency of God for evangelizing the world.

- This is the main mission of the church: to evangelize those who don't know the Lord Jesus, known as "the great commission" **Matthew 28:19** Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- Because God's purpose is to seek and save people who are lost in sin, **Luke 19:10** for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost.
- God has made every provision for the church to fulfill this mission, beginning with His Holy Spirit **Acts 1:8** But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."
  - Every believer who takes on the great commission will have divine help from the Holy Spirit of God to fulfill the mission of God
  - Every believer is called to take part in this mission. To share the good news of the Gospel so others may receive salvation through Jesus Christ **1 Peter 2:9** But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; **10** who once were not a people but are now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy.
- As part of the church, we are all called to the great commission

#### 2. The church serves as a corporate body in which people may worship God

- Although the Lord is present with us all, the church serves as a place where we come together as an assembly to pray, praise, and worship God.
- **Psalms 22:3** But You are holy, Enthroned in the praises of Israel.
- Our God is worthy of worship and is looking for worshippers **John 4:23** But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for

the Father is seeking such to worship Him. **24** God *is* Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.

- **Psalms 150** let everything that has breath praise the
- **Psalms 145:2** Every day I will bless You, And I will praise Your name forever and ever.  
3 Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; And His greatness is unsearchable.
- The church is a place where we can congregare to praise and worship God.

### 3. The church is a place where people grow spiritually

- God wants to build a unified body of believers who are mature in faith and knowledge.
- The church engages in teaching the Word of God and the fellowship of the saints,
- Here at Calvary Chapel, we offer bible studies, midweek bible verse-by-verse teachings, carefully selected specific sermon series on Sunday services, and leadership training for leadership.
- The church is a place where people grow spiritually and receive special callings and gifts for the ministry of the church **Ephesians 4:11** And He Himself gave some *to be* apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, 13 till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ; 14 that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, 15 but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ— 16 from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.
- Our church operates as a channel of God's purpose to equip and build people who are continually growing in the Lord and being perfected in his image to enlarge, advance, and preach the gospel of Jesus Christ so that none shall perish.
- "It will be a glorious day when we begin to send missionaries and pastors onto the field,"  
Pastor Mike

### 4. The Church is a place where compassion is shown to the world

- He longs for believers to demonstrate His love and compassion to all the world
- **Galatians 6:10** Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith.
- Calvary Chapel collaborates with churches, pastors, missionaries, many nonprofits, and organizations to demonstrate the love of Christ through benevolence, service, and help where it is needed.
- Our church is committed to loving people and bringing help to those in need. The church is a body of believers committed to expressing the Love of God through compassion and help.

1. Evangelize with the power of the Holy Spirit, accompanied by supernatural signs
2. Worship God in an added dimension in a deeper way
3. Respond to the full working of the Holy Spirit in expressing the fruit, gifts, and ministries to build up the church
4. And to love the poor and the hurting in tangible ways as Jesus would.

The important role of the church in God's dealings with humankind is accepted by all born-again believers. But the local church is too often less appreciated and understood. Some professing Christians, not finding a local congregation to their liking, choose to practice an isolated, independent Christianity. Unfortunately, they disobey the specific command of God to assemble with other believers, **Hebrews 10:25** *not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you*

[see the Day approaching](#). Watching a church service on TV or social media will not suffice. God's design for His people is worship, edification, encouragement, and service to others in the company and fellowship of fellow believers. This balance and mission are vital to a well-rounded Christian life.

### What now?

We are called to be a part of the church and join in its mission.  
We are called to make a difference in other people's lives

### Giving

The Gospel is the ultimate demonstration of God's generous nature towards us. The Bible teaches that God blesses us so that we may bless others

- There are two areas of giving. Offerings and tithes
- We practice offerings: being generous, giving to dedicated ministries, missions, Missionaries, orphanages, benevolence, and many others
- We practice tithing for the support of the church, as God commands. We recognize that giving 10% of our income is the Biblical standard of giving.
- We at Calvary Chapel use tithings and dedicated offerings for ministry, missions, benevolence, and operations of the church.

**Leviticus 27:30** [And all the tithe of the land, \*whether\* of the seed of the land or of the fruit of the tree, is the Lord's. It is holy to the Lord.](#)

**Matthew 23:23** [These \(tithes\) you ought to have done, without leaving the others \(justice, mercy, and faith\) undone.](#)

**Malachi 3:10** [Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, That there may be food in My house, And try Me now in this," Says the Lord of hosts, "If I will not open for you the windows of heaven And pour out for you such blessing That there will not be room enough to receive it.](#)

- The Bible teaches that the tithes belong to the Lord,
- Notice the Bible says "bring," not "give." We can't give what is not ours; we can bring what belongs to God
- This is the only place that the Bible says, "Try me."
- Tithing is not something that God wants from us is something that God wants for us
- Tithing is not a money issue; it is an obedience, honor, and faith issue.

### Reasons for tithing

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| 1. Tells God I trust and honor Him,                         | 5. It connects my money to a kingdom purpose                 |
| 2. It provides for God's house                              | 6. It gives my Job eternal significance                      |
| 3. It creates a margin in my life for God to fill           | 7. It breaks greed and self-reliance from my heart           |
| 4. Reminds me that I am not my source; God is your provider | 8. It lets everything else in my life know that God is first |

We encourage everyone at Calvary Chapel to try God with tithing for a season (90 days). If God doesn't make a difference in your financial life, you can stop, and we will give you back what you gave in those 90 days

### Serving

**John 14:12** ["Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father.](#)

At Calvary Chapel, we will encourage you to join a team and serve  
There are several areas that we can serve here at Calvary Chapel: special events, family nights, ushers, greeters, toddlers, children's church, production, and media.  
We also have teaching and ministering areas. Children's Church teacher and worship team

In serving, we'll define what it means to serve  
In serving, we'll discover how my design helps to reveal my destiny.  
We'll discover the amazing potential of my life.

It is in serving that God calls pastors, evangelists, apostles, teachers, and prophets.

- Serving means active participation
- We don't believe in volunteering; we believe in serving and partnering.

**Matthew 20:28** "Just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."

- According to Jesus, to be great, we must first serve
- He did not come to be served, but to serve

### **Conclusion**

We are so glad you have chosen CALVARY CHAPEL AG as your home church  
We encourage you to engage first in attendance, worshipping God together, serving, giving, and it is our prayer that you grow in the Lord.

**1 Corinthians 15:58** Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.