

# God Equips the Church for God's Mission

**1Pt 4:10-11**

## The Mission of the Church (God's Mission)

**<sup>19</sup> Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."**

## The Purpose of the Church

**<sup>9</sup> But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.**

## The Gifting of the Church

**As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace... in order that in everything God may be glorified.**

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<sup>7</sup> The end of all things is at hand; therefore be self-controlled and sober-minded for the sake of your prayers. <sup>8</sup> Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins. <sup>9</sup> Show hospitality to one another without grumbling. <sup>10</sup> As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: <sup>11</sup> whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen." (1 Pe 4:7–11).

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The church suffers/struggles together.

- i. Our reaction to suffering proves our faith (1Pt 1:6-7).**
- ii. Difficulty isn't always fair (1Pt 2:19-20).**
- iii. We should expect suffering (1Pt 4:12-19).**

**During Difficulty:**

- i. Exercise self control so that we might pray well.**
- ii. Love one another earnestly so that we can forgive.**
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Three truths about gifts, and why it matters.

- i. Everyone has a gift; so, we have purpose in life.**
- ii. Our gifts are for service; so, we serve one another.**
- iii. God decided our gifts; so, we embrace who we are.**

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## Two groupings of gifts:

- i. Speaking, to tell people about God.
- ii. Serving, to reflect God in the world.

One purpose for our gifts: God's glory.



Because Jesus Christ binds us together, love others and serve them with your spiritual gifts.