

## 05 The Mission of the Church

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What is the God-given mission of the church? In essence, the local churches cannot have different missions. The church is a covenantal community called to carry out 3 missions: to worship God, to witness Christ, and to nurture the saints.

### 1. The mission of worship

1) What is worship?

2) Whom do we worship?

3) The position of the Word within worship

(1) Christ as the revealed Word

(2) The Bible as the written Word

(3) The sermon as the spoken Word

4) The posture and attitude of the worshiper

(1) Only the Bible, and no other materials, can be the basis of worship.

(2) The formal service is first and foremost the meeting of the Triune God with His chosen people before it is about the gathering of God's people.

(3) The worshiper must perceive that Christ is the only Mediator, and it is only through Him that we can go before God.

(4) Basic elements of worship in the Christian tradition: Scripture reading, praise, prayer, preaching of the Word, offering, confession of faith, sacraments, dedication and commitment

## 2. The mission of witness

1) The Spirit-led mission of gospel-witnessing (Acts 1:8)

2) The mission of evangelizing one's neighbors

3) The mission of global missions

4) The mission of charity

## 3. The mission of nurture

1) We need to be constantly nurtured to become a true worshiper and passionate witness.

2) The purpose of nurture is found in Ephesians 4:12-13:

“...to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ...”

- To grow to the stature of the fullness of Christ

- To do the work of ministry

- To build up the body of Christ

3) Reproducing the gospel – disciple-making disciple (Mt. 28:18-20)