



Why are we here?

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“And they gave themselves to the Apostles’ teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers.”

“And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, 47 praising God and having favor with all the people.”



We can understand the purposes of the church in terms of:

- Ministry to God
- Ministry to believers
- Ministry to the world
- All of these are ways we worship God

Ephesians 1 11-14

In him (Christ) we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of His will, so that we who were the first to hope in Christ be to the praise of His glory. In him you also when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in Him, were sealed with the Holy Spirit, who is a guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession it, to the Praise of His glory.

Ephesians 5 17-21

“Therefore, do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not get drunk on wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart giving thanks always to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

Col 3:17

“And in everything you do, do it to the glory of God.”

Eph 4:12-13

“It’s not my goal to only see people come to saving faith but to present every man mature in Christ.” And to the Church in Ephesus he says “That God has given gifted persons to the church for the building up of the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of faith and knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ”



1st define evangelism

2nd the command to evangelize

3rd the playing field

4th clarifications on the gospel, general

**Evangelism defined generically
—the spreading of the Christian
gospel by public preaching or
personal witness.**

**Evangelism is presenting the
good news freely and trusting
God to convert people.**

Ephesians 6:12

“We do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.”

1 Corinthians 1:18

“For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.”

1 Corinthians 2:14

“The natural person (unsaved) does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned.”

2 Corinthians 4:3

“And even if our Gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.”



Romans 10:14

“How then will they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in Him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching. And how are they to preach unless they are sent.”

Matthew 9:37

“Then he said to his disciples the harvest is plentiful but the workers are few.”



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Living Hope

How great the chasm that lay between us

How high the mountain I could not climb

In desperation I turned to heaven

And spoke Your name into the night

Then through the darkness Your loving-kindness

Tore through the shadows of my soul

The work is finished the end is written

Jesus Christ my living hope

Who could imagine so great a mercy

What heart could fathom such boundless grace

The God of ages stepped down from glory

To wear my sin and bear my shame

The cross has spoken I am forgiven

The King of kings calls me His own

Beautiful Savior I'm Yours forever

Jesus Christ my living hope

Hallelujah praise the One who set me free

Hallelujah death has lost its grip on me

You have broken every chain

There's salvation in Your name

Jesus Christ my living hope

Jesus Christ my living hope

Then came the morning that sealed the promise

Your buried body began to breathe

Out of the silence the Roaring Lion

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Declared the grave has no claim on me

Declared the grave has no claim on me

Jesus Yours is the victory

Hallelujah praise the One who set me free

Hallelujah death has lost its grip on me

You have broken every chain

There's salvation in Your name

Jesus Christ my living hope

Hallelujah praise the One who set me free

Hallelujah death has lost its grip on me

You have broken every chain

There's salvation in Your name

Jesus Christ my living hope

Jesus Christ my living hope

Oh God You are my living hope

Good Good Father

I've heard a thousand stories
Of what they think You're like
But I've heard the tender whisper
Of love in the dead of night
You tell me that You're pleased
And that I'm never alone

You're a Good Good Father

It's who You are

It's who You are

It's who You are

And I'm loved by You

It's who I am

It's who I am

It's who I am

I've seen many searching for answers

Far and wide

But I know we're all searching for answers

Only You provide

Because You know just what we need

Before we say a word

You're a Good Good Father

It's who You are

It's who You are

It's who You are

And I'm loved by You

It's who I am

It's who I am

It's who I am

You are perfect in all of Your ways

You are perfect in all of Your ways

You are perfect in all of Your ways to us

Love so undeniable I can hardly speak

Peace so unexplainable I can hardly think

As You call me deeper still

As You call me deeper still

As You call me deeper still

Into love love love

You're a Good Good Father

It's who You are

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And I'm loved by You

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