

Series: Sound Doctrine

Title: The Church & It's Mission

Text: (Matt 28:18-20)(Mk 16:15)

The Church was Established by Jesus: (Matt 16:18)

The Church was established before Pentcost:

(Mk 3:13-19) *14 *Ordained 12*

(Lk 6:12-16) *13 *He named Apostles*

(1 Cor 12:28) *First the Apostles*

The Church was build out of prepared material:

(John 1:6) *There was a man sent from God, whose name was John.*

(Acts 1:15-26) *21-22 *Wherefore of these men which have companied with us all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, 22 Beginning from the baptism of John, unto that same day that he was taken up from us, must one be ordained to be a witness with us of his resurrection.*

Our Lord Founded the Church because He had a Work for it to do that NO OTHER institution could do.

Our Lord entrusted to His church the responsibility to carry on HIS Work in the Earth.

While on earth, Our Lord lived & worked in a Human body.

Now Jesus is in Heaven at the Right hand of the Father, He is working through His spiritual bodies, His churches.

Through His Spiritual Bodies, His Churches, God ministers, speaks, & moves among men.

Christ's Church is the Publisher of the Word of God:

The Word of God Unifies the Church:

(Amos 3:3) *Can two walk together, except they be agreed?*

Unity only happens when everyone accepts the Word of God, as their Final Authority:

(1 Thes 2:13) *For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe.*

Unity brings Faithfulness & Steadfastness to the Churches of God:

(1 Thes 2:14) *For ye, brethren, became followers of the churches of God which in Judaea are in Christ Jesus: for ye also have suffered like things of your own countrymen, even as they have of the Jews:*

Christ's Churches are the Guardians of the Word of God: (1 Tim 3:15)

Explain Pillar:

Explain Ground:

(Jude 3)

Christ's Churches are the Publishers of the Word of God:

(Ps 68:11) *The Lord gave the word: great was the company of those that published it.*

(Mk 13:10) *And the gospel must first be published among all nations.*

All of the Letters in the NT were to be Traveling Letters.

(Acts 13:47-49)

Peters Letters were to copied and distributed:

(1 Pet 1:1)

(2 Pet 1:1)

Peter Classifies Paul's Letters as Scripture:

(2 Pet 3:15-16)

Paul's letters were to be copied and distributed among all the churches.

(Col 4:16) *And when this epistle is read among you, cause that it be read also in the church of the*

Laodiceans; and that ye likewise read the epistle from Laodicea.

The Church is the Proclaimer of the Gospel:
Evangelism is a Primary function of each Church.
(Mk 16:15)

Our Message - "Preach the Gospel"

Our Destination of Evangelism: "all the world"
(Matt 28:19) *"Teach all Nations"*

Each church is to be working on 4 target regions:
(Acts 1:8) *"Both"*
Local, Regional, Continental, World Wide -
"into all the world"

Our Companion in Evangelism: Christ Himself
(Matt 28:20) *"lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world"*

Our Strength in Evangelism: Power of Christ
(Acts 28:18)
"All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth."

Our Method of Evangelism:
(Acts 13:1-4) Sending out Missionaries
Local, Regional, Continental, Worldwide.

The Church is the Presider of Baptism

(1 Cor 11:2) *keep the ordinances, as I delivered them to you.*

John the Baptist had God's Authority to Baptize

(John 1:6)

(Matt 3:11) *I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire:*

Jesus started the church with prepared material from John the Baptist. (Acts 1:21-22) *Wherefore of these men which have companied with us all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, 22 Beginning from the baptism of John, unto that same day that he was taken up from us, must one be ordained to be a witness with us of his resurrection.*

Jesus gave His Church the Authority to Baptize:

(Matt 29:16) the 11 remaining Apostles, not the 120

(Matt 28:19) Commanded them to Baptize

Baptism Unifies the Disciples in Membership:

(Acts 2:41) *Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls.*

Baptism Unifies the Disciples in our Gospel Identity:

(Rom 6:4-5) By Public declaration of the Death, Burial, and Resurrection

Baptism Unifies the The Disciples by reserving it to Saved People.

(Acts 8:36-38) *If thou believest with all thine heart...*

Baptism Unifies the Disciples in our Doctrinal Identity:

(Acts 19:1-6) *3 *Unto what then were ye baptized?*

The Church is the Professor of the Disciple:

Teaching the Word of God is a Main duty of the Church.

(Matt 28:20) *“Teach all Nations”*

(2 Tim 4:1-4) *“Preach the Word”*

(2 Tim 3:16-17) *“Teach the Word”*

(Matt 5:19) *one of these least commandments, ... whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.*

This is the reason we have SS, Jr. Church, Preaching, Bible Studies, Awana, VBS, etc.

(2 Tim 2:2) is the Goal of all Spiritual Education!

Are you Saved?

Have you been Scripturally Baptized by Immersion with Proper Authority?

Are you a Member of the Church?

Are you learning the Word of God?

Are you teaching the Word of God to Others?