

The Church's Mission
1 Cor 10:31, Col 3:17
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Thesis: I want to show how the primary mission of the church should be to glorify God in all things.

Intro:

1. All that we do and how we do, it should be done to the glory of God.
2. Are we upholding the mission of the church?

I. The church's image should glorify God (1 Tim 3:14-15)

- A. We need to know how we ought to conduct ourselves as the church (v.15)
 1. The church, as the "temple of God," should reflect Him in all we do (1 Cor 3:16-17)
 2. The world should see in us the distinct image of "a glorious church!" (Eph 5:25-27)
 3. Our lives should exemplify dedication & thereby glorify God.
- B. The church should actively reflect its image as "the pillar and ground of ...truth." (v.15)
 1. We must stay true to God's Word (John 8:31).
 2. The church is to proclaim His word throughout the world (1 Cor 1:21; Eph 3:10)

II. The church should glorify God through worship that reflects His will (Jn 4:23-24)

1. Partaking of the Lord's Supper (1 Cor 11:23-30)
2. Through prayer (1 Thess 5:17-18)
3. Through Singing (Eph 5:19)
4. Through Givig (1 Cor 16:1-2)
5. Through teaching/preaching (2 Tim 4:1-4)
 - a. Our worship needs to reflect our sincerity, devotion, & adoration of God.

III. The church should glorify God in its works (Titus 2:14)

- A. The church needs to focus on teaching the gospel of Christ to the lost (Lk 19:10)
 1. Obviously, we do this through evangelism (Mk 16:15-16)
 - a. Central to God's plan is preaching & teaching (1 Cor 1:21)
 2. We can often find the opportunity to teach by helping the poor & needy (Gal 2:10)
 - a. We have a responsibility (James 1:27)
 3. We need to keep teaching, edifying – strengthening, encouraging, & building each other up spiritually (Eph 4:11-16)
 - a. Paul emphasized such four times in one chapter (1 Cor 14:3,5,12, & 26)

Conc:

1. As the church, we need to be serious & sincere about our mission to glorify God...
 - a. The church must glorify God in the way it conducts itself
 - b. The church must glorify God in its worship.
 - c. The church must glorify God in its work.
2. Full Invitation