

Lesson 18 – The Mission of the Church: Final Lesson (OUTLINE)

- I. Constitute a dwelling place for God. Ephesians 2:22.
- II. To bear witness unto the TRUTH. 1 Timothy 3:15.
- III. To make known the manifold [numerous and varied] wisdom of God. Ephesians 3:10.
- IV. To bring eternal glory to God. Ephesians 3:21.
- V. To edify church members. Ephesians 4:11-12. [edify means to build up, make stronger, uplift, instruct, and/or benefit, especially morally or spiritually]
- VI. To discipline church members. Matthew 18:15-17.
- VII. To administer Baptism. Matthew 28:18-19.
- VIII. To administer the Lord's Supper. Matthew 1 Corinthians 11:23-26.
- IX. To evangelize the world. Matthew 28:18-20.

Questions:

1. In what way is the church a “dwelling place” for God?
2. What are the ways the church is to bear witness to the truth?
3. Name ways a church can bring glory to God.
4. Why do we need to edify church members in this age?
5. Who has the authority to administer baptism?
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7. Name ways a church can evangelize the world?

Discussion:

How could the performance of the mission of our church be improved?

Assignment:

- Memory work study: Acts 5:42.
- Scripture reading: 1 Corinthians 5:1-13.

Lesson 18 – The Mission of the Church: Final Thoughts

- I. Constitute a dwelling place for God. Ephesians 2:22. ¹⁹*Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God; ²⁰and are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone; ²¹in whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord: ²²**in whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.***
- II. To bear witness unto the **TRUTH**. 1 Timothy 3:15. ¹⁴*These things write I unto thee, hoping to come unto thee shortly: ¹⁵**But if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth.** ¹⁶And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.*
- [Jesus proclaimed, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.” In other words, there are no options on the route to eternal life—**there is only one way, and Jesus is that way... THIS is the TRUTH.**]

The truth in this context **means Jesus**. What are related Christian truths?

- The infallibility / power of the scripture.
- The triune nature of the Godhead.
- The unvariable nature of God.
- Saved persons are changed.
- Men will be judged and sent to heaven or hell.
- Many others...

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- III. To make known the manifold [numerous and varied] wisdom of God. Ephesians 3:10.
⁸Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ; ⁹and to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ: ¹⁰to the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God,
- IV. To bring eternal glory to God. Ephesians 3:21. *²⁰Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, ²¹unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.*
- V. To edify church members. Ephesians 4:11-12. [edify means to build up, make stronger, uplift, instruct, and/or benefit, especially morally or spiritually] ¹⁰He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that he might fill all things.) ¹¹**And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; ¹²for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:**
- VI. To discipline church members. Matthew 18:15-17. ¹⁵ **Moreover if thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone: if he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother. ¹⁶But if he will not hear thee, then take with thee one or two more, that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established. ¹⁷And if he shall neglect to hear them, tell it unto the church: but if he neglect to hear the church, let him be unto thee as an heathen man and a publican.**

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- VII. To administer Baptism. Matthew 28:18-19. *¹⁶Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, into a mountain where Jesus had appointed them. ¹⁷And when they saw him, they worshipped him: but some doubted. ¹⁸And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, **All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. ¹⁹Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: ²⁰teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.***
- VIII. To administer the Lord's Supper. Matthew 1 Corinthians 11:23-26. *²³For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, That the Lord Jesus the same night in which he was betrayed took bread: ²⁴and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me. ²⁵After the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me. ²⁶For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come.*
- IX. To evangelize the world. Matthew 28:18-20. *¹⁸And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, **All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. ¹⁹Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: ²⁰teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.***

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- Memory work study: Acts 5:42. *⁴¹And they departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for his name. ⁴²And daily in the temple, and in every house, they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ.*
- Scripture reading: 1 Corinthians 5:1-13.

Moral Disorders

¹It is reported commonly that there is fornication among you, and such fornication as is not so much as named among the Gentiles, that one should have his father's wife.

²And ye are puffed up, and have not rather mourned, that he that hath done this deed might be taken away from among you. ³For I verily, as absent in body, but present in spirit, have judged already, as though I were present, concerning him that hath so done this deed, ⁴in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, when ye are gathered together, and my spirit, with the power of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁵to deliver such an one unto Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord

Jesus. 6Your glorying is not good. Know ye not that a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump? 7Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us: 8therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness; but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.9I wrote unto you in an epistle not to company with fornicators: 10yet not altogether with the fornicators of this world, or with the covetous, or extortioners, or with idolaters; for then must ye needs go out of the world. 11But now I have written unto you not to keep company, if any man that is called a brother be a fornicator, or covetous, or an idolater, or a railer, or a drunkard, or an extortioner; with such an one no not to eat. 12For what have I to do to judge them also that are without? do not ye judge them that are within? 13But them that are without God judgeth. Therefore put away from among yourselves that wicked person.

