

For this Purpose...Christ's Coming & the Church Existence

1. To Preach the Gospel

Mark 1:38 - But He said to them, "Let us go into the next towns, that I may preach there also, because for this purpose I have come forth." (**Evangelism – Proclaiming Good News**)

* **Luke 4:42** - tried to keep Him from leaving them;

* Preach (Gk/*kerusso*) – To Herald – Proclaim the Good News!!!

* **Mark 1:14-15** – The time is fulfilled, **kingdom/God at hand. Repent, believe/gospel**

* **Lk 4:18-19** - Spirit/Lord is upon Me, Because He as anointed Me to preach...

A - Mk 16:15 -He said/them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.

A – Only thing required to tell people about Jesus is to know Jesus – John 1:40-45

2. To Redeem

John 12:27 - "Now My soul is troubled, and what shall I say? 'Father, save Me from this hour'? But for this purpose I came to this hour. (**Redemption of Man**)

John 12:23 – Jesus answered..., "The hour has come that the Son/Man should be glorified"

John 17:1-5 – Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son may glorify you

John 19:17-18 – And He bearing His cross, went out to a place called the place/skull

John 19:30 - So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished!" And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit.

John 19:34 - But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately blood and water came out.

Ex 12:5 – Lamb w/out blemish; blood/posts; Pass/land, strike 1st born, see blood, passover

John 1:29 – Behold! **The Lamb of God** who takes away the sins of the world!

1 Peter 1:18–19 - knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, **19** but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.

A – Jesus fulfilled the Passover Lamb(OT), His blood shed/life given/our redemption-providing our release by the payment of ransom; remission of sins (forgiveness/pardon)

3. To Be a Witness of Truth

John 18:37 - Pilate therefore said to Him, "Are You a king then?" Jesus answered, "You say rightly that I am a king. For this cause I was born, and for this cause I have come into the world, **that I should bear witness to the truth.** Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice."

A - Pilate said to Him, What is the truth? - The World is asking, 'What is truth?'

A- Truth become Situational, Political, Legislative, Determined by District/Supreme Court; What people believe, feel, think; Simply what's on Internet, or trending on social media

John 14:6 - Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

John 17:17 – Sanctify them your truth, Your word is truth.

Psalms 119:160 - The entirety of Your word is truth, And every one of Your righteous judgments endures forever.

A – The church, God's church/one Jesus said He would build, must choose His word as Absolute Truth...We must know it and share/explain it w/love & without compromise!

4. To SERVE

Matthew 20:27–28 - And whoever desires to be first among you, let him be your slave—**28** just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.”

John 13:15–17 - For I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you. **16** Most assuredly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master; nor is he who is sent greater than he who sent him. **17** If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.

A – To be “Christ like” is to be like Christ, Came not to be served, but to serve - Us!

Eph 4:15-16 – whole body, every joint supplies, every part does/share, growth/edify/love

A – Sunday School – Nov/1st Ser/4-K Teacher, Dec/2nd Ser/K/Helper

A – A/V - Sound Board (3), Overheads, Recording

A – Cleaning – Wed/1 per/Nov & Dec Teams; Weekend/4/Dec Team

A – Connect at Calvary – Jan 16, 23, 30

5. To SEEK & SAVE!

Luke 19:9–10 - And Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, because he also is a son of Abraham; **10** for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost.” (Called? **The Great Commission!!!**)

Matthew 28:19 - Go (SEEK & SAVE) therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

Mark 16:15 - And He said to them, “Go into all the world (SEEK & SAVE) and preach the gospel to every creature.

*** Begins in our Jerusalem, and Judea, and Samaria and to the Ends of the Earth!**

*** Washington County -175,000; 1,750 Born Again Christians = 1 to 100**

*** Non-Christians per Missionary – Buddhist 176,000; Hindu 179,000; Muslim 306,000**

Joshua Project

Conclusion

Today as the Body of Christ – manifesting Christ to the World

1. Gospel must be preached – Kingdom of God is at hand, Repent & believe!

2. People Need to Be Redeemed - Jesus fulfilled the Passover Lamb(OT), His blood shed/life given/our redemption- providing our release by the payment of ransom; remission of sins (forgiveness/pardon)

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4. To be “Christ like” is to be like Christ, who came not to be served, but to serve

5. Must Go and Seek and Save the lost! Jerusalem, Judea, Smaria, Ends of the Earth!