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THE CHURCH IN TODAY'S WORLD

MATTHEW 28:19

GO THEREFORE AND MAKE DISCIPLES OF ALL
NATIONS...

WE COME SO WE CAN GO!

- **Ephesians 4:11–12 (NLT)** — 11 Now these are the gifts Christ gave to the church: the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, and the pastors and teachers. 12 Their responsibility is to equip God’s people to do his work and build up the church, the body of Christ.
 - **So, we come to the church to get “EQUIPPED” to “GO”.**
 - ***Go = to go out; to leave; to travel; go away***
 - **GO WHERE?**
- **Matthew 28:18–19 (NLT)** — 18 Jesus came and told his disciples, “I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. 19 Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.
 - **Nations: a number of people accustomed to doing life together; a group of people with similar customs**

OUR PURPOSE DEFINED: WE ARE TO BE A BLESSING

- **Genesis 12:1–3 TPT** Follow me, and I will make you into a great nation. I will exceedingly bless and prosper you and I will make you famous, so that *you will be a tremendous source of blessing for others...and through you all the families of the earth will be blessed.*
- **Galatians 3:8 (TPT)** — God’s plan all along was to bring this message of salvation to the nations through the revelation of faith. Long ago God prophesied over Abraham, as the Holy Scriptures say: *“Through your example of faith all the nations will be blessed!”*
- **Galatians 3:14 (TPT)** — Jesus, our Messiah, was cursed in our place and in so doing, dissolved the curse from our lives, *so that all the blessings of Abraham can be poured out upon even non-Jewish believers.*
- **Galatians 3:29 (TPT)** — And since you’ve been united to Jesus the Messiah, you are now Abraham’s “child” and inherit all the promises of the kingdom realm!

EQUIPPED FOR THE “WORK” OF MINISTRY

What Works?

- **John 14:12 (NLT)** — “I tell you the truth, anyone who believes in me will do the *same works* I have done, and even *greater works*, because I am going to be with the Father.
- *Work = ergon = business, employment, that which any one is occupied. that which one undertakes to do, enterprise, undertaking*
- “works” same word as found in Eph. 4:12 “works of ministry”
- The church is to do the same works Jesus did

THE WORKS OF JESUS IN THE EARTH

THE WORK OF THE CHURCH IN THE EARTH...*SAME WORKS*

1. **Luke 19:10** For the Son of Man came to seek and save those who are lost.”
2. **1 John 3:8**..But the Son of God came to destroy the works of the devil.
3. **Luke 4:18–19** 18“The Spirit of the LORD is upon me, for
 - a. He has sent me to proclaim...(declare a message of good news)
 - i. good news to the poor
 - ii. that captives will be released,
 - iii. that the blind will see,
 - iv. that the oppressed (broken and crushed) will be healed, 19 *and*
 - v. that the time of the LORD’s favor has come.”
4. **Mt. 11:27, John 17:6** revealed the Father to those given to Him

BLESSED TO BE A BLESSING...

TELLING THE WORLD ABOUT JESUS

- **Matthew 28:18–20 (TPT) — 18** Then Jesus came close to them and said, “All the authority of the universe has been given to me. **19** Now go in my authority and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. **20** And teach them to faithfully follow all that I have commanded you. And never forget that I am with you every day, even to the completion of this age.”
- “Go” is a contemporaneous participle which means the action... “go” is happening in the same time frame as the main action... “make”
 - “as you go...make disciples”
 - As you live your life, make disciples...

BECOMING GOD'S CHURCH IN TODAY'S WORLD

"...a tremendous source of blessing for others" Gen. 12:2

1. Operates according to Biblical pattern (Eph. 4:11)
 - a. Recognizes God's blueprint for the church
 - b. Apostle, Prophet, Evangelist, Pastor, Teacher
2. Does the "works" that Jesus did.
 - a. Seeks and saves the lost (Luke 19:10)
 - b. Destroys work of devil (1 John 3:8)
 - c. Proclaims a message of freedom, healing, deliverance and favor (Luke 4:18-20)
3. Makes disciples (Acts 2:42)
 - a. Apostles' doctrine
 - b. Prayer
 - c. Fellowship & Lord's Supper (remembering work of Christ)

THE CHURCH...GOD'S LIVING GATEWAYS

³Who, then, is allowed to ascend the mountain of Yahweh? And who has the privilege of entering into God's Holy Place? ⁴Those who are clean—whose works and ways are pure, whose hearts are true and sealed by the truth, those who never deceive, whose words are sure. ⁵They will receive Yahweh's blessing and righteousness given by the Savior-God. ⁶They will stand before God, for they seek the pleasure of God's face,^[c] the God of Jacob.

⁷So wake up, you living gateways! Lift up your heads, you doorways of eternity!

Welcome the King of Glory, for he is about to come through you.

⁸You ask, "Who is this King of Glory?" Yahweh, armed and ready for battle,

Yahweh, invincible in every way! ⁹So wake up, you living gateways, and rejoice! Fling wide, you eternal doors! Here he comes; the King of Glory is ready to come in. ¹⁰You ask, "Who is this King of Glory?" He is Yahweh, armed and ready for battle, the Mighty One, the invincible commander of heaven's hosts! Yes, he is the King of Glory!