

DISCOVERING THE IMPORTANCE OF THE LOCAL CHURCH

# THE CHURCH IS THE KEEPER OF THE GOSPEL

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## The church began when Jesus called His

"And Jesus, walking by the sea of Galilee, saw two brethren, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea: for they were fishers. And he saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men. And they straightway left their nets, and followed him. And going on from thence, he saw other two brethren, James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, in a ship with Zebedee their father, mending their nets; and he called them. And they immediately left the ship and their father, and followed him." Matthew 4:18-22

# The church was empowered on the day of

"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:1-4

# The church has been entrusted with

"Let a man so account of us, as of the ministers of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God. Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful." 1 Corinthians 4:1-2

### God · Man · Jesus · Response

The Gospel: The death, burial and resurrection of Jesus for the sins of mankind.

We \_\_\_\_\_ the Gospel. "For the Jews require a sign, and the Greeks seek after wisdom: But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumblingblock, and unto the Greeks foolishness: But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God. Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men: and the weakness of God is stronger than men." 1 Corinthians 1:22-25

## We \_\_\_\_\_ the Gospel.

"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, Io, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen." Matthew 28:19-20

# We \_\_\_\_\_ the Gospel.

"And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you." Ephesians 4:32

# The Gospel is the of the church.

"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." 1 Timothy 3:15

### The Gospel \_\_\_\_\_\_.

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth: to the Jew first, and also to the Greek." Romans 1:16

#### The Gospel

"Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth." John 17:17

"Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word. That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish." Ephesians 5:25-27

### The Gospel \_\_\_\_\_

"For so hath the Lord commanded us, saying, I have set thee to be a light of the Gentiles, that thou shouldest be for salvation unto the ends of the earth. And when the Gentiles heard this. they were glad, and glorified the word of the Lord: and as many as were ordained to eternal life believed." Acts 13:47-48

# The church is a place where people are

# Baptism always takes place

"Then Simon himself believed also: and when he was baptized, he continued with Philip, and wondered, beholding the miracles and signs which were done." Acts 8:13

"And as they went on their way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said. See, here is water: what doth hinder me to be baptized? And Philip said. If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said. I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him." Acts 8:36-38

### Baptism is an .

Ordinance: an authoritative order or decree Sacrament: A means by which one attains grace.

# The church is a place where people can join the

"Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints. and of the household of God:" Ephesians 2:19

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Take your commitment up to the \_\_\_\_\_.

Bring others to the \_\_\_\_\_.