

**TEXT: Ephesians 2:7**

**TITLE: "The Purposes of the Church!" (part 2)**

**→ *The Bible Describes Powerful Purposes of the Lord's Church.***

**\* Think: "Why is East End Baptist Church here in Brooklyn, NY?"**

**1. To Hold and Proclaim the Gospel—1 Corinthians 15:3-4**

**2. To Preach Repentance and Remission of Sins—Luke 24:46-48**

**3. To Make Disciples—Matthew 28:19a**

**4. To Baptize—Matthew 28:19b**

**5. To Teach Jesus' Instructions—Matthew 28:20**

**6. To Be Jesus' Witnesses—Luke 24:48-51, Acts 1:8**

**7. To Go as Sent by Jesus—John 20:21-23**

**→ *Today, we will consider 7 more purposes of the Lord's Church:***

**1. To Be S —John 17:17**

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"Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth."

**2. To Continue the F -fold Elements of  
G Church—Acts 2:40-42**

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<sup>40</sup> And with many other words he testified and exhorted them, saying, "Be saved from this perverse generation."

<sup>41</sup> Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them.

<sup>42</sup> And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers.

### 3. To Be S and L Influence— Matthew 5:13-16

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- <sup>13</sup> "**You are the salt of the earth**; but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men.
- <sup>14</sup> "**You are the light of the world**. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden.
- <sup>15</sup> "Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all *who are* in the house.
- <sup>16</sup> "**Let your light so shine** before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

### 4. To Be F of Good Works and L Deeds—Acts 9:36-39

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- <sup>36</sup> At Joppa there was a certain disciple named Tabitha, which is translated Dorcas. **This woman was full of good works and charitable deeds** which she did.
- <sup>37</sup> But it happened in those days that she became sick and died. When they had washed her, they laid *her* in an upper room.
- <sup>38</sup> And since Lydda was near Joppa, and the disciples had heard that Peter was there, they sent two men to him, imploring *him* not to delay in coming to them.
- <sup>39</sup> Then Peter arose and went with them. When he had come, they brought *him* to the upper room. And all the widows stood by him weeping, showing the tunics and garments which Dorcas had made while she was with them.

### 5. To Be a Dwelling Place of G —Ephesians 2:22

\* Ephesians 2:20-22

- <sup>20</sup> having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief *cornerstone*,
- <sup>21</sup> in whom the whole building, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord,
- <sup>22</sup> in whom you also are being built together **for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.**

### 6. To Be T of God's Rich Grace—Ephesians 2:7

\* Ephesians 2:7-10

- <sup>7</sup> that in the ages to come **He might show the exceeding riches of His grace** in *His* kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.
- <sup>8</sup> For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; *it is* the gift of God,
- <sup>9</sup> not of works, lest anyone should boast.
- <sup>10</sup> For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

### 7. To Bring G to God—Ephesians 3:20- 21

\* Ephesians 3:20-21

- <sup>20</sup> Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us,
- <sup>21</sup> **to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus** to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

#### **APPLICATION:**