

Speaking Truth In Love

What purpose has God given the church of Jesus Christ? What are its scriptural duties? First, the church is to *preach the good news of salvation through Jesus Christ* to men and women who are lost in sin (1 Tim 3:15; Eph 3:9-10; 1 Thess 1:6-10). Next, the church is to *instruct and train its own members in the word of God* (Eph 4:11-16; Acts 20:28-32; 2 Tim 2:2, 15), and finally, the church *must be ready to meet the physical needs of Christians in other regions* (Acts 11:29-30; Rom 15:26; 2 Cor 9). In New Testament times, each congregation carried out these duties independently under the direction of qualified overseers (Phil 1:1; Acts 20:17-35).

Does the New Testament constitute a pattern for the work of the church? Certainly it does. Churches, like Christians, are to “abide in the doctrine of Christ” (2 Jn 9); they are to “be followers” of the apostles (1 Cor 4:17; Phil 3:17; 4:9); they are “not to think beyond what is written” as verifiable Scripture (1 Cor 4:6). It is sinful, then, to alter the work of the church to accommodate mere human interests. The Bible does not teach that secular education and social activities are the work of the church. These are functions of the home and society. So let’s go back to doing the work of God according to the will of God!

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