

OLIVET GOSPEL CHURCH

BIBLE STUDY “ The Purpose of the Church”

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I. OBJECTIVE:

Putting Truth Into Action

A. STUDY: THE CHURCH

- 1. Purpose**
- 2. Profile**
- 3. Priorities**

A. **Purpose Of The Church- Primary Issue**

(1) Why are we – our Church – in existence?

– **An array of possible answers**

A...

- (i) To present the Gospel to the Lost
- (ii) To bring hope to the Hurting
- (iii) To provide a place of Worship and Instruction
- (iv) To equip saints for the work of Ministry

- (v) To comfort the Grieving
- (vi) To feed the hungry – Help the Needy

B... ANSWER: “To glorify the Lord our God”

References –

I Corinthians 10:31

I Corinthians 6:19-20

Romans 15:5-6

II Thessalonians 1:11-12

Matthew 5:16

II. Breakdown of the Answer

(A) What does “Glory” mean?

1. Exodus 40:34

- Bright, shining Light

2. I Corinthians 15:39-41

A unique and distinctive appearance

3. John 3:30:

To magnify or elevate the Lord Our God.

- Seen in John the Baptizer

(i) He must increase, I must decrease

(ii) John was the Voice (1:23)

(iii) Jesus was The Word (v1:14)

NOTE: Glorifying God means, being occupied with- and committed to God's ways rather; than preoccupied with- and determining to accomplish our own ways.

3.3: - IS. 55:2, 8- 9

PS. 145: 1-2

PS: 86: 1-2, 7

PS. 86: 8,10-12

BREAKDOWN OF ANSWER:

Where does it apply in our daily lives?

(i) When you are not sure

(ii) Faced with the challenges in your public and private life

*(iii) Personal disappointment if changes must be made;
i.e. altered, rearranged or dissolved.*

III. Suggestions for making it happen.

A...Three Thoughts:

- 1. Cultivate the habit of including the Lord in every area of your life.*
- 2. Refuse to expect or accept any of the glory that ought to be God's.*
- 3. Maintain a priority relationship with God that is more important than any other on earth. (Matt 10:37-38).*

B... Three Actions:

To help develop the priority relationship--

- 1. Include the Lord in every segment of your life*
- 2. To help maintain that priority relationship, give all the glory to God. Admit your weaknesses.*
- 3. To help also, is to ask the question: " Will it bring Glory to God?"*