

What Difference Does It Make?

I've talked about "the church" for the past 2 Sundays; what it is and how it is organized. Today's lesson will be "The Purpose Of The Church" or "The Mission Of The Church."

What we must understand clearly is that since "the church" is the members of the body of Christ, that is, each Christian makes up the church, then each Christian is responsible for the mission of the church.

The mission of the church is not simply for the leadership of the church or for the preacher or for the deacons. Every member of Christ's body must take part in the mission. That does not mean everyone does exactly the same thing, but everyone must participate in the mission.

If only the preacher is involved, then growth of the body of Christ is drastically reduced! It makes a difference! Paul said

1 Corinthians 9:22 I have become all things to all men, that I might by all means save some.

Jesus said he came to "seek and to save the lost" **Luke 19:10**. Therefore it is our purpose, too! We also read

Hebrews 5:12-14 *For though by this time you ought to be **teachers**, you need someone to teach you again the first principles of the oracles of God; and you have come to need milk and not solid food. For everyone who partakes only of milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, for he is a babe. But solid food belongs to those who are of full age, that is, those who by reason of **use** have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.*

If we are not using what we have been taught, we are not what Christ wants us to be or what the world NEEDS us to be!

I hope these lessons on Sunday mornings have been challenging for everyone, not just those who have recently become Christians. Soon we will ask for team leaders for each of these lessons. Please be ready to take responsibility for your part in the mission!

Love to all,
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