

TEXT: Ephesians 2:7

TITLE: "The Purposes of the Church!"

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

→ Have you ever asked yourself, "Why, are we Christians here on this earth?" Or, "Why does the Church exist?"

To put it another way, "Why is East End Baptist Church here in Brooklyn, New York?"

What are we doing here? What is our purpose?

We need to understand those questions and more importantly the answers according to the Scriptures!

**1. To H_____ & P_____ the Gospel—
1 Corinthians 15:1-5**

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¹ Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand,
² by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you-- unless you believed in vain.

³ For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures,

⁴ and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures,

⁵ and that He was seen by Cephas, then by the twelve.

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

** Luke 24:46-48*

⁴⁶ Then He said to them, "Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day,

⁴⁷ "and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

⁴⁸ "And you are witnesses of these things."

3. To Make D_____—Matthew 28:19a

** Matthew 28:19a*

¹⁹ "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, ..."

4. To B_____—Matthew 28:19b

** Matthew 28:19b*

¹⁹ "... baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,"

**5. To T_____ J_____ ' Instructions—Matthew
28:20**

** Matthew 28:20*

²⁰ "teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, *even* to the end of the age." Amen.

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

** Luke 24:48-51*

⁴⁸ "And you are witnesses of these things.

⁴⁹ "Behold, I send the Promise of My Father upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high."

⁵⁰ And He led them out as far as Bethany, and He lifted up His hands and blessed them.

⁵¹ Now it came to pass, while He blessed them, that He was parted from them and carried up into heaven.

** Acts 1:8-9*

⁸ "But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

7. To G__ as S_____ by Jesus—John 20:21-23

** John 20:21-23*

²¹ So Jesus said to them again, "Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you."

²² And when He had said this, He breathed on *them*, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit.

²³ "If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the *sins* of any, they are retained."

APPLICATION: