

## ***The Mission of the Church***

### **Acts 1:4-11**

#### Main Point:

Since Jesus has ascended to heaven, get to work on the mission of advancing His kingdom through Spirit-empowered witness.

1. Jesus has given you the mission to witness for Him.
2. This mission has a scope that is both local and universal.
3. This mission comes with the promise of the Holy Spirit's power.
4. Since Jesus has ascended to heaven, you should get to work on the mission today.

## **Cross-References and Quotations**

**R. Kent Hughes** "Our Lord has laid down in the clearest terms the mission for those who are to follow him."

**R. Kent Hughes** "To be a witness we must have *logos* - the Word of Christ, *ethos* - the inner reality of what we proclaim, and *pathos* - passion."

**Genesis 12:3** <sup>3</sup> I will bless those who bless you, And I will curse him who curses you; And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." (NKJV)

**R. Kent Hughes** "The words were not only spiritually revolutionary, but socially and ethnically unheard of."

**Joel 2:28-29** <sup>28</sup> "And it shall come to pass afterward That I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, Your old men shall dream dreams, Your young men shall see visions. <sup>29</sup> And also on My menservants and on My maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days. (NKJV)

**Derek Thomas** "The same Spirit who had energized him Jesus now gave to his disciples to continue his ministry to the end of the earth."

**John 16:7** <sup>7</sup> "Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you. (NKJV)

**Ephesians 1:20-23** <sup>20</sup> ... He worked in Christ [by His mighty power] when He raised Him from the dead and seated *Him* at His right hand in the heavenly *places*, <sup>21</sup> far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come. <sup>22</sup> And He put all *things* under His feet, and gave Him *to be* head over all *things* to the church, <sup>23</sup> which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all. (NKJV)