



Church on Purpose A Journey

I. Jesus and the Church

Matthew 16:18-19 (NIV[®])

... I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."

Ephesians 5:25-27 (NIV[®])

... , just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her ²⁶ to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, ²⁷ and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless.

II. WOC

A. Our Mission:

Helping people to become fully devoted followers of Jesus

"discipleship as a 'long obedience in the same direction' is against the grain of modern life and infinitely harder."

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B. Our Statement of Purpose:

As a dynamic church proclaiming the Word of God, we propose to make disciples of Christ by:

- Attracting and leading the unsaved to personal relationship with Jesus Christ
- Encouraging Christians to consecrate themselves to God's purpose in their lives
- Providing a climate in which worship and personal spiritual growth occur
- Equipping Believers for effective ministry in Murfreesboro and throughout the earth

III. Israel, A Pilgrimage

John 4:22 (NIV[®])

²² You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for **salvation is from the Jews.**

A. Caesarea

Acts 23:33-35 (NIV®)

³³ When the cavalry arrived in Caesarea, they delivered the letter to the governor and handed Paul over to him. ³⁴ The governor read the letter and asked what province he was from. Learning that he was from Cilicia, ³⁵ he said, "I will hear your case when your accusers get here." Then he ordered that Paul be kept under guard in Herod's palace.

B. Galilee ---"believe in me"

Mark 4:40-41 (NIV®)

⁴⁰ He said to his disciples, "Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?" ⁴¹ They were terrified and asked each other, "Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!"

Mark 1:22 (NIV®)

²² The people were amazed at his teaching, because he taught them as one who had authority, not as the teachers of the law.

Mark 8:27-29 (NIV®)

On the way he asked them, "Who do people say I am?" ²⁸ They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." ²⁹ "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?" Peter answered, "You are the Christ."

C. Jerusalem --- "Jesus does something for us"

1. Past

Matthew 20:17-19 (NIV®)

¹⁷ Now as Jesus was going up to Jerusalem, he took the twelve disciples aside and said to them, ¹⁸ "We are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be betrayed to the chief priests and the teachers of the law. They will condemn him to death ¹⁹ and will turn him over to the Gentiles to be mocked and flogged and crucified. On the third day he will be raised to life!"

2. Present

Matthew 5:35 (NIV®)

. . . Jerusalem, for it is the city of the Great King.

Zechariah 12:2-3 (NIV®)

² "I am going to make Jerusalem a cup that sends all the surrounding peoples reeling. Judah will be besieged as well as Jerusalem. ³ On that day, when all the nations of the earth are gathered against her, I will make Jerusalem an immovable rock for all the nations. All who try to move it will injure themselves.

3. Future

Revelation 3:11-13 (NIV®)

¹¹ I am coming soon. Hold on to what you have, so that no one will take your crown. ¹² Him who overcomes I will make a pillar in the temple of my God. Never again will he leave it. I will write on him the name of my God and the name of the city of my God, **the new Jerusalem**, which is coming down out of heaven from my God; and I will also write on him my new name. ¹³ He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.

Zechariah 14:16 (NIV®)

¹⁶ Then the survivors from all the nations that have attacked Jerusalem will go up year after year to worship the King, the LORD Almighty, and to celebrate the Feast of Tabernacles.

Prayer

I choose Jesus as Lord of my life. May Jesus name be honored through my life and effort. Holy Spirit direct my days that I may grow strong ---spirit, soul and body. I turn away from the enticements of ungodliness and choose to walk in paths of righteousness. May the grace and mercy of God fill my life, to Him be all glory and honor. Amen.

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