

THE CHURCH
Part 5
A Witness to the World
1 Pet 2:4-10

God's church has a calling. Mtt 28:16-20

1. Make disciples. Notice that He did not say “converts.” A disciple is a “pupil, a follower in belief and practice. See Ezk 33:31-32 for an negative example; Lke 6:46; Jhn 15:14; Jas 1:22-25; 1 Jhn 2:4-6). Not all who claim to belong to Him do. See Mtt 7:15-23. This is a process.

a. A disciple seeks to follow Christ (e.g., Php 3:7-14; Heb 12:1-2; 2 Pet 3:18)

b. A disciple seeks to build themself and others up in the faith (See 1 Ths 5:11; Heb 10:24)

c. Disciples seek to make disciples (Gal 3:26-29)

- Baptizing them in the name (*singular*) of the triune God. (Jhn 5:16-24, 1 Cor 12:1-4)
- Loving one another. (Jhn 13:34-35; Rom 12:9-21; Gal 2:10/Act 11:29-30)

We should seek to make disciples

2. Live in this world but do not be of it. (1 Jhn 2:9-11; 2:15-17)

a. Love our neighbors (Mtt 5:43-48; Lke 10:25-37; Jhn 17:13-23; Gal 6:10), **both in the church and outside of it.**

b. Bear witness through:

- Our lives - (1 Cor 10:31-33; 2 Cor 8:21; Eph 3:10; Php 2:14-15, 1 Ths 4:9-12)
- Our words - (Eph 4:29-32; 1 Pet 3:15-16)

How we treat one another in the church and those outside it speaks volumes

3. Seek the glory of God (1 Pet 2:4-12)

a. Declare His praises who called us out of darkness and into His light.

b. May God be glorified in us.

We are here for a purpose - pursue it