

Mission of the church

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Introduction

1. Text Ephesians 4:12-14
2. This passage gives 4 missions of the church. They are:
 - a. The perfecting of the saints or edification
 - b. The work of the ministering or benevolent word
 - c. The work of evangelization or the great commission
 - d. The work of worship
3. Over the years there has been different societies or institutions that has tried to take over the churches responsibilities of the church.
 - a. It could be in benevolence
 - b. It could be in the matter of evangelism
4. I want us to understand the mission of the church in evangelization. If we do then we will see and understand that there is no need for any other institution or societies to have anything to do in the area.

II Discussion

1. The mission of the Great Commission
 - a. The Great commission given. Matthew 28:19-20; Mark 16:15-16; Luke 24:46-48; John 20:22-23; Acts 1:8; 2 Timothy 2:2
 - b. The Great Commission practiced. Romans 10:13-17; Acts 8:4; 13:1-5; Philippians 4:15-18
 - c. The results of the practice of the Great Commission Colossians 1:23
2. The church is to make the Great Commission happen.
 - a. The church is to make it known. Ephesians 3:10
 - b. The church supported this work Acts 8:4; 13:1-5 (Acts 14:27); 15:40; 17:6; Philippians 4:15-18
 - c. The church is to give glory to Him Ephesians 3:21
 - d. The church is the pillar and ground of the truth 1 Timothy 3:15
3. The making of other institutions of carry out this work
 - a. They were first called missionary societies
 - i. Their function was to carry the Gospel to sometime in a state or county all the world
 - ii. Their function usurped the church.
 - iii. They took money from the church to carry out this mission.
 - b. Today the same thing is happening just using different names
 - i. Someone called them a Para-church organization. Para means beside, alongside of beyond, aside from (2) [a] Closely related to
 - ii. This is the same as the Missionary Societies and we have no need for them.
 - c. They violate the respect of authority
 - i. Where did God authorize the Missionary Society or anything else to do the work of the church?
 - ii. There are no scriptures for it or against it?
 - iii.

- iv. The Bible tells us what to do, in this case the church and that leaves everything else out.
- v. We cannot add to nor take from the Scriptures Deuteronomy 4:2; Proverbs 30:6; Revelation 22:18-19
- vi. Arguments from the silence of the scriptures
 - 1. Jesus was from the tribe of Judah Hebrews 7:14
 - 2. Nadab and Abihu got fire from the wrong source, the Bible say they were to get the fire Leviticus 10:1-2
 - 3. Man picked up sticks on the Sabbath Numbers 15:32-36, Exodus 35:1-3 God said do not kindle a fire, so picking up sticks implied that he was going to start a fire, but God did not say, "thou shalt not pick up sticks on the Sabbath."
- vii. Emblems on the Lord's Table.

III Conclusion

- 1. There is no need for any other institution or society to do the work of the church
- 2. All that is being done by this group or any group that claims to be a religion has no right to exist.
- 3. Why not be a member of the Lord's church and leave these other things alone
- 4. If the church is not doing something it should why not start that thing?

Sources: Sermon Outlines by Roy J. Hearn Mission of the Church; Attitudes and Consequences by Homer Hailey; Restoration then and now ETSOP 1982; Sound Doctrine by C.R. Nichol and R.L. Whiteside p. 59; Lecture on church Cooperation and Orphan Homes by Thomas Warren p.116-120