

PURPOSE OF OLDE TYME BAPTIST CHURCH

Proverbs 3:9 Honour the LORD with thy substance,
and with the firstfruits of all thine increase.

Revelation 4:11 Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for
thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.

Matthew 5:16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works,
and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

Romans 15:5-6 Now the God of patience and consolation grant you to be likeminded one
toward another according to Christ Jesus: That ye may with one mind and one mouth
glorify God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 6:20 For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body,
and in your spirit, which are God's.

1 Peter 4:16 Yet if any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed; but let him
glorify God on this behalf.

Revelation 15:4 Who shall not fear thee, O Lord, and glorify thy name? for thou only art
holy: for all nations shall come and worship before thee; for thy judgments are made
manifest.

2 Thessalonians 1:11-12 Wherefore also we pray always for you, that our God would
count you worthy of this calling, and fulfil all the good pleasure of his goodness, and the
work of faith with power: That the name of our Lord Jesus Christ may be glorified in
you, and ye in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Is the purpose of The Olde Tyme Baptist Church to:

1. Reach the lost for Christ?
2. Edify the believers?
3. Send forth Missionaries?
4. Have a place for Fellowship?
5. To provide comfort for the suffering?

These certainly are works of the church, but are they the primary purpose of OTBC? The church is not a “corporate entity”, but an assembly of called out believers, individuals. As individuals we make up the church.

As the church, we have one singular purpose:

To Glorify God in all that we do.

We as believer priests have one purpose after salvation; to glorify God in our lives. The word Glorify means simply to honor, to lift up, to praise.

- We reach the lost as a result of God being glorified in our lives.
- Believers are built up in Christ because God is glorified in us.
- Missionaries are sent because we are fulfilling our primary purpose.

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- Fellowship is sweet long as our hearts are focused on Christ, not on ourselves.
- There is a real comfort when the purpose of the church is fulfilled and God is glorified in all that happens, good and bad.

But if our focus is in on ourselves – when we lose sight of the one true purpose we have as Christians, sin creeps in and there is no glory in our midst; only strife.

King David lost sight of his one true purpose when he sinned with Bathsheba. And there was no comforting him. Look at what he wrote in Psalms 51: **Psalms 51:10-13 Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit. Then will I teach transgressors thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto thee.** David begged God to restore his purpose. Note vs 13; only after the true purpose was reinstated did the work progress.

God's expectations of the Olde Tyme Baptist Church are not the same in 2008 as they were in previous years. He expects us to mature, to grow, to fulfill our purpose. That to Glorify Him in our lives.

God knows the thoughts and intents of our hearts (Heb 4:12). No one knew Achan kept that silver, garment and wedge of gold, but God did. No one knew Ananias and Saphira kept back part of the sale of their land – God did. The results were the same in both cases. God condemned them to death. They chose to glorify themselves.

When we pretend we're glorifying God in our body, we may be fooling many, but not God. **Galatians 6:3-7 For if a man think himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceiveth himself. But let every man prove his own work, and then shall he have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another. For every man shall bear his own burden. Let him that is taught in the word communicate unto him that teacheth in all good things. Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.** God knows our heart. It's like the little kid that was instructed by his mom to sit down. He told her he would sit, but he would be standing in his heart. We can praise God for the challenges in our lives, but if our heart is blaming God instead of praising him, He knows it and is not pleased. Are we Glorifying God in every area of our lives?

When Pastor Dave talks about changes in our church for 2008, do we say "AMEN" but secretly doubt God's ability to accomplish it? Do we think we're fooling God?

When we talk about reaching Calgary for the Lord and seeing 500 at Stampede Sunday do we shout "AMEN!" but know in our hearts it will never happen? Who are we fooling?

Do we pray for unity in our church but secretly hold resentment against a brother or sister? How is that glorifying God in our lives?

Do we say out loud that God can heal Karen but really believe he won't? And then we blame God for allowing the pain to continue? Who's really to blame?

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Do we doubt that God can provide us a new building? Are you trying to tell me that the God that created everything from nothing can't give our little church a brand new building? Glorify God in your prayers and He will.

Do we doubt that Pastor will be able to afford to go full time? Are you telling me that the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob can't take care of His man? Glorify God with your giving and he will.

Do we doubt that God can heal Karen? Are you going to tell me that the God that took an introverted, foolish, overweight stuttering fool, saved him from his sins and gave him the ability and desire to preach can't heal a little thing like cancer? Glorify God with your faith, and he can.

Do we praise God for the mountaintops but curse him in the valleys?

We must glorify God in every area of our lives:

- In our worship and service in His church
- In our relationships
- At work
- At home
- In honoring our parents. 10 times mentioned. **Exodus 21:17 And he that curseth his father, or his mother, shall surely be put to death.**
- In giving our time, talents and tithe
- For the challenges as well as victories
- In our special relationship with our Lord and Saviour.

What is the purpose of your Christian life? God says our purpose is to glorify Him, to praise Him, to worship Him.

Ps 96

When we fulfill our purpose, the results will be victory.

Isaiah 43:7 Even every one that is called by my name: for I have created him for my glory, I have formed him; yea, I have made him.

The Olde Tyme Baptist Church has a purpose. That purpose is to glorify God in all that we do. For He alone is worthy. **Revelation 4:11 Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.**