### The Vocation of the Church

#### 1. To Worship God and to Glorify Him On the Earth:

[Eph. 1:4-6](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Eph+1%3A4-6)—"According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love: Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will. To the praise of the glory of his grace wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved."

#### 2. To Evangelize the World with the Gospel:

[Matt. 28:19, 20](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Matt.%2028:19,%2020)—"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost." [Acts 2](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ac+2); [5:42](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ac+5%3A42); [6:5-8](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ac+6%3A5-8); [Eph. 3:8](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Eph.%203:8); [Acts 15:7](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ac+15%3A7).

#### 3. To Develop Each Individual Christian Until He Attains Unto the Fullness of the Stature of Christ:

[Eph. 4:11-15](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Eph.%204:11-15). Hence the gift of pastors, teachers, etc. Herein lies the value of church attendance—it promotes growth; failure to attend leads to apostasy ([Heb. 10:25-28](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Heb+10%3A25-28)), cf. [1 Thess. 5:11](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=1%20Thess.%205:11); [1 Cor. 12](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=1Co+12).

#### 4. A Constant Witness for Christ and His Word:

[Acts 1:8](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ac+1%3A8)—"But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." [8:1](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ac+8%3A1), [4](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ac+8%3A4).

The Church had *stated places of meeting:* the upper room ([Acts 1:13](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ac+1%3A13)), the temple ([5:12](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ac+5%3A12)), the homes of members ([2:46](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ac+2%3A46), [12:12](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ac+12%3A12)), and the synagogue; *stated times of* meeting: daily ([2:46](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ac+2%3A46)), each Lord's Day ([20:7](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ac+20%3A7)), the *regular hours* of prayer ([3:1](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ac+3%3A1); [10:9](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ac+10%3A9)); *a regular church roll:* 120 ([1:15](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ac+1%3A15)), 3,000 ([2:41](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ac+2%3A41)), 5,000 ([4:4](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ac+4%3A4)); *daily additions* ([2:47](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ac+2%3A47)).  
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