

Discipleship & Maturity in Christ

**THE CHURCH
IN THE WORLD** 

The Pictures of the Church

- Body
- Temple
- Army

The Purpose of the Church

1. The church is to _____ God's holiness.

For he chose us in him [Christ] before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love...

EPHESIANS 1:4 (NIV)

2. The church is to _____ God's glory.

...he [God] predestined us to be adopted as his sons through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will— to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves.

EPHESIANS 1:5-6 (NIV)

3. The church is to be a _____ to Christ—
making disciples of the nations.

But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

1 PETER 2:9 (NIV)

The Processes in *Our* Church

- Intentional Discipleship: B.E.S.T.
- Stage of Life Community
Community Groups
ABF (Adult Bible Fellowships)
- Missional Opportunities from The Chapel

Motivational Truths for Transformational Impact— Heart and Soul

- Love
- Internal Transformation

New Life in Christ: How to Become a Christian

Many people believe they are Christians because they were born in a Christian culture, go to church regularly, try to do their best, or live a good life. However, the Bible teaches that these things cannot make you a Christian. You become a Christian by simply taking these two steps:

- Acknowledge that you (along with all people) have sinned and fallen short of God's standards. (ROMANS 3:23)
- Personally believe that Jesus Christ, who was God in human flesh, died for your sins on the cross and rose again.
(I CORINTHIANS 15:3, 4)

You may express your belief through prayer, asking Jesus to come into your life, and receiving Him as God's gift to you.

(JOHN 1:12, ROMANS 6:23, REVELATION 3:20)

"For it is by grace you have been saved through faith ...it is the gift of God; not by works, so that no one can boast." EPHESIANS 2:8,9