## Welcome to Rehoboth New Life Center

Sunday March 25<sup>th</sup> 2018

# The Work of The Church

Ephesians 3:10 To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God,

#### The purposes of the church

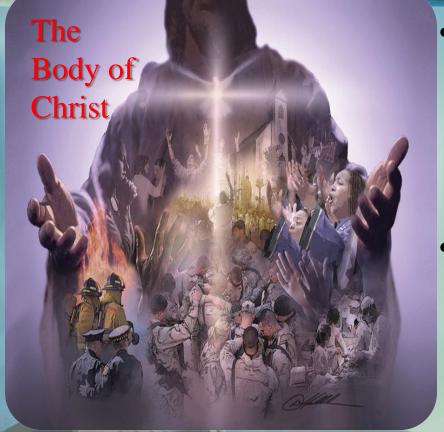
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- WORSHIP
- MINISTRY
- FELLOWSHIP
- DISCIPLESHIP

Matthew 24:14 And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.

## Church: Ekklesia "The called out ones"

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Acts 4:4 "Howbeit many of them which heard the word believed; and the number of the men was about five thousand."

- Matthew 16:18 And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.
- Acts 2:47 Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.

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## Preparing the Way

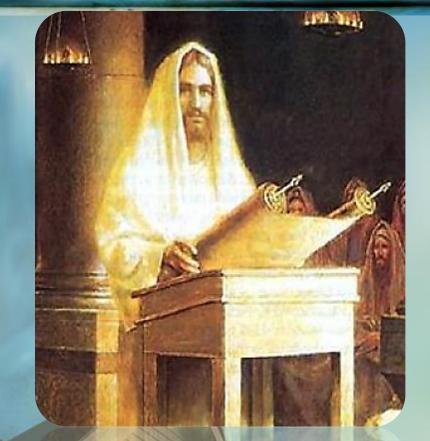
Isaiah 40:3 **The voice** of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Matthew 28:19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

## The Gospel Message

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Luke 4:18 The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,

Isaiah 61:1 **The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound;** 

#### Repent, Baptize, be filled!

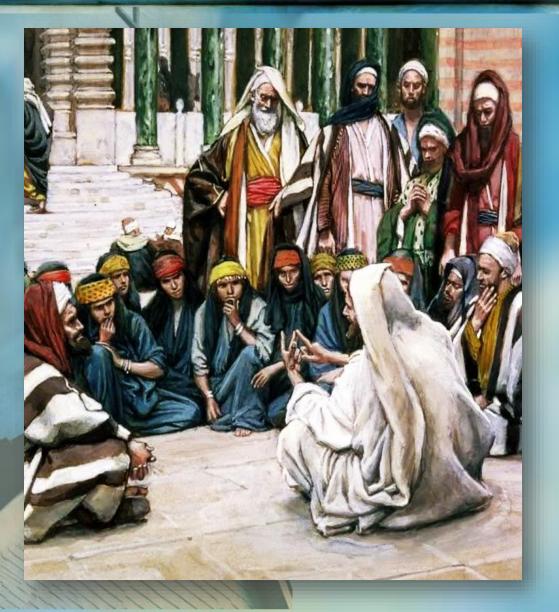
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- Acts 2:37 ¶Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do?
- 38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

## The Work of the Church: The Gospel

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Mark 8:35 For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospel's, the same shall save it.

36 For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?

37 Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?

## The Power of God unto Salvation

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Bus God commendeth

his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. 9 Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him.  Romans 1:16 ¶For I am not ashamed of *the gospel* of *Christ*: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

## The Good News ! Salvation (Sozo) for the Soul



1 Peter 1:9 Receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls.

10 **Of which salvation** the prophets have enquired and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace that should come unto you:

11 Searching what, or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did signify, when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow.

12 Unto whom it was revealed, that not unto themselves, but unto us they did minister the things, which are now reported unto you by them that have preached the gospel unto you with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven; which things the angels desire to look into.

## The Good News ! The Redemption of the body



Acts 4:1 ¶And as they spake unto the people, the priests, and the captain of the temple, and the Sadducees, came upon them,

2 Being grieved that they taught the people, and preached through Jesus the resurrection from the dead.

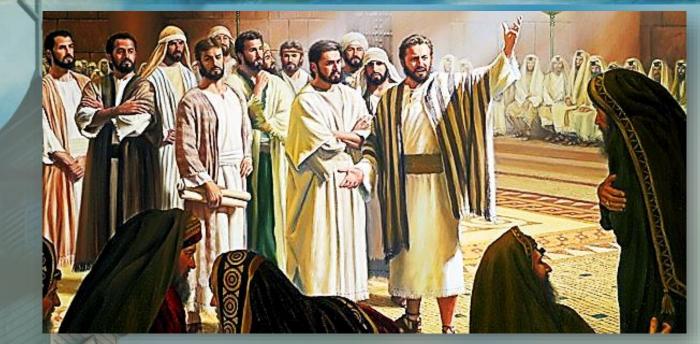
Romans 8:22 For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now.

23 And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body.

**Ephesians 4:30 And grieve not the** holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.

#### Filling the world with his message

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Acts 5:27 And when they had brought them, they set them before the council: and the high priest asked them, 28 Saying, Did not we straitly command you that ye should not teach in this name? and, behold, ye have filled Jerusalem with your doctrine, and intend to bring this man's blood upon us. 29 Then Peter and the other apostles answered and said, We ought to obey God rather than men. 30 The God of our fathers raised up Jesus, whom ye slew and hanged on a tree. 31 Him hath God exalted with his right hand to be a Prince and a Saviour, for to give repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins. 32 And we are his witnesses of these things; and so is also the Holy Ghost, whom God hath given to them that obey him.

# The Work of the Church: Gifts (Miracles, Healing, Faith, Prophecy...)

Healing, Deliverance, Answers to prayers, come about in the New Testament church through channels. And each channel operates in a certain way.

- 1. Through Declarative Faith (Son-ship dominion).
- 2. Through prayer(supplications) and fasting (Covenantal).
- 3. Through Gods sovereign choice (The direct gift).
- 4. Through The Gifting of another (The indirect gift).
- 5. Through Gods Grace Waiting patiently. (Spiritual Sufficiency)

## Discipleship: Edifying the body

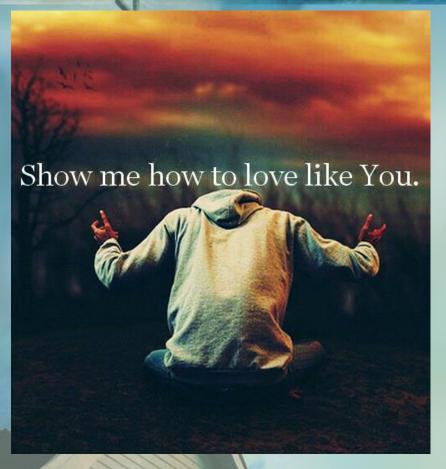
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"But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift. ... And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ," Ephesians 4:6, 11-12

#### The Greatest Work

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- John 13:34 A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.
- 35 By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.
- 1 John 4:20 If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen?