

# CrossRoads: What is Our Mission? – Part 1

## Introduction

- Knowing your mission is very critical in anything you endeavor to do in life.
- Every organization needs to understand the core reason why they \_\_\_\_\_.
- If local assemblies don't understand the mission or purpose of why they exist, they will spin their wheels and never accomplish all that they could for God's \_\_\_\_\_.
- Where do we find and discover our mission or purpose? Thankfully, God has given it to us and laid it out clearly in His Word.
- Why does CrossRoads exist? Why are we here? What is the purpose? What are we trying to accomplish?

## #1 \_\_\_\_\_ the Lost

1. Jesus clearly stated that He came *"...to seek and to save that which was lost."*  
Luke 19:10
2. Paul reiterated this point and said *"...that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners..."* 1 Timothy 1:15
3. Every person is a \_\_\_\_\_ that is separated from God by wicked works, but can be reconciled to God through the payment that Jesus Christ made on the cross for sin. Colossians 1:21-22
4. God has given to us (the local church) the \_\_\_\_\_ of reconciliation. We are ambassadors **for** Christ. We represent Christ on this earth to those who are lost and need Christ. 2 Corinthians 5:18-20
  - *"For from you sounded out the word of the Lord not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place your faith to God-ward is spread abroad; so that we need not to speak any thing."* 1 Thessalonians 1:8

## #2 \_\_\_\_\_ the Saved

1. A new Christian's greatest need is to immediately get \_\_\_\_\_ and nourishment for his/her inner man. Where does that come from? It comes from God's Word.

- “As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby.” **1 Peter 2:2**
2. The way we defend ourselves against \_\_\_\_\_ is through God’s Word; therefore it is essential that the new believer immediately start growing through the food of God’s Word. Ephesians 4:14-15, 6:17
  3. God’s goal for believers is that they become fully \_\_\_\_\_ Christians who are allowing Christ to live through them in every area of their lives.
  4. Galatians 4:19 is very instructive in this regard:
    - Paul calls the Galatians “*my little children.*” They were Paul’s spiritual babies.
    - But the Galatians had gotten entrapped in the legalism of the law. They were not magnifying Christ and His \_\_\_\_\_.
    - It broke Paul’s heart and Paul said he felt as if he were travailing in birth all over again as he wrote this letter to them.
      - The first time it was that they might place their \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ.
      - The second time it was that Christ might be \_\_\_\_\_ in them.
    - Our job is not \_\_\_\_\_ when we work and travail and lead people to Christ.
    - We want to see Christ being \_\_\_\_\_ in them.
    - We must evangelize **and** teach. Acts 14:21, 18:8, 11, 23