
THE IMPORTANCE OF THE CHURCH

2 CORINTHIANS 4:1-9, 15

The Word of God states that Jesus Christ loved the church and gave Himself for it (Ephesians 5:25). If the church is important to Christ, it must be important to us! Why?

I. **BECAUSE OF THE CHURCH'S MISSION** – VS. 1, 2

- A. The foundation is the mercy of God!
- B. The focus is the manifestation of truth!

II. **BECAUSE OF THE CHURCH'S MESSAGE** – VS. 3-6

- We are to preach Christ...
 - A. His virgin birth!
 - B. His sinless life!
 - C. His sacrificial death!
 - D. His physical burial!
 - E. His victorious resurrection!

III. **BECAUSE OF THE CHURCH'S MIGHT** – VS. 7-9

- A. God's power is greater than man's power!
- B. God's power is greater than man's problems!

IV. **BECAUSE OF THE CHURCH'S MOTIVE** – VS. 15

- A. To share God's grace!
- B. To give God glory!