

OUR MISSION

Proclaiming Jesus Christ:

Why do we proclaim Jesus Christ and not other religions or gods? The answer is simple. Our Lord Jesus Christ said in "John 14:6, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me". Based on Jesus' own words, we see him as the Son of God, the incarnation of absolute truth, and the only answer to people's alienation from God their Creator.

The Apostle Paul points out Christ's supremacy, "Christ is the visible image of the invisible God. He existed before anything was created and is supreme over all creation, for through him God created everything in the heavenly realms and on earth. He made the things we can see and the things we can't see— such as thrones, kingdoms, rulers, and authorities in the unseen world. Everything was created through him and for him. He existed before anything else, and he holds all creation together (Colossians 1:15-18)".

Also, the Apostle Peter confirms the exclusivity of Christ for salvation. In Acts 4:12 he says, "Jesus is the only One who can save people. His name is the only power in the world that has been given to save people. We must be saved through him."

In the CCCC, we are absolutely convinced of who Jesus is and of the importance of proclaiming him to our world".

Making Disciples:

Why do we see making disciples as such an important imperative? Again the answer is simple—our Lord Jesus Christ told us to so! In his departing words to his disciples before being taken up into heaven, he said, "I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age" (Matthew 28:18-20).

Disciples are simply followers of Jesus. They learn from his teachings. They model what he taught. They are not perfect but they humbly seek to follow Jesus in all that they do. Making disciples that follow Jesus is our utmost priority as followers of Jesus Christ.

Growing Healthy Churches:

You might be thinking, "I know some churches that sure could be a lot more healthier". We couldn't agree more. Churches are not perfect places. They never will be! They are made up of people like you and me—broken, selfish and messed up. That's the picture of the church with one very important exception—we are not trying to stay that way. Christ wants us to become healthy. This is why we make it our mission to grow healthy churches. We see our churches as communities where real life happens. We are in a journey with other disciples. We are there for each other, in our good times, and in our struggles.

The Apostle Paul advised us as follows: "Always be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other's faults because of your love. Make every effort to keep yourselves united in the Spirit, binding yourselves together with peace (Ephesians 4:2-3)". And again, he said, "Imitate God, therefore, in everything you do, because you are his dear children. Live a life filled with love, following the example of Christ (Ephesians 5:1-2).

We take Paul's advice seriously. We see his words not only as descriptive in nature, but as prescriptive examples of what it takes for churches to be healthy.