



HARVEST CHURCH – SUNDAY, AUGUST 4, 2024 – PASTOR JON SMITH

Harvest Church Riverside, CA, says, "According to scripture, The Church has a three-fold purpose: the exaltation of God, the edification of the saints, and the evangelization of the world."

(Jeremiah 1:12, and Isaiah 55:8-9 NIV)

****The church exists to exalt God, build up the believers in Christ, and evangelize the world****

Everything God created, has a purpose. (Ephesians 4:11-13 NIV)

The Ministry: *is not a specialized occupation limited to men with professional training. The word simply means service. It includes every form of spiritual service. And what this verse teaches is that every believer should be "in the ministry."*

THE THREEFOLD PURPOSE OF THE CHURCH

1. **Glorifying the Father.** (John 17:1-8 NLT)
2. **Edifying of the Believer.** (Acts 2:43-47, Acts 16:5 NLT)
3. **Mission of the Church.** (Matthew 28:18-19, NLT)

Conclusion: The three-fold purpose of the church gives the church direction, focus, and emphasis. Having an understanding of the 5 – fold nature of Christ found in Eph 4:11 and its role in giving direction to the church honors Christ and will bring transformation to the world.

