



II. Purpose of Teaching the A2 church

I. Views of the Church

A. What Comes to Your Mind?

B. What do others say?

In *The Screwtape Letters* by C.S. Lewis, Screwtape, a senior devil, is instructing a junior devil on how to tempt and trap humans. Of the church he says, "One of our great allies at present is the church itself. Do not misunderstand me. I do not mean the church as we see her spread out through all time and space and rooted in eternity, terrible as an army with banners. That, I confess, is a spectacle which makes our boldest tempters uneasy. But fortunately it is quite invisible to these humans."

Augustine: "He cannot have God for his Father who does not have the church for his mother."

C. What does the Bible Say?

1. Matthew 16:16-18 - It is _____
2. 1 Corinthians 3:9-10 – It is GOD’S _____
3. Psalm 27:4 - It is GOD’S _____
4. Ephesians 5:25-27 – It is Christ’s _____

- A. To raise our _____ level for the Church.**
Psalm 26:8; Psalm 84:1-2,4,10
- B. To establish a _____ of the kind of Church we are becoming.**
Proverbs 29:18; Ephesians 5:26-27
- C. To bring _____ to the hearts of those who have been _____ in or by the Church. Psalm 36:8**
- D. To _____ a new generation that the Church is worth giving your life for.**
2 Timothy 4:6 1 Corinthians 15:58 Psalm 69:9
 1. Jesus _____ His life for the church.
 2. Paul _____ his life for the church
- E. To _____ our hearts in fulfilling our mission of becoming fully _____ followers of Christ.**
Mark 12:29-30; Mark 8:34 Mark 18:22
- F. To _____ the obvious factors that made the first Church so dynamic and TO _____ those factors to the Church.**
Acts 4:33; Acts 13:49; Ephesians 3:10-11
- G. To _____ a vision for a Biblically functioning Church.**
Acts 2:37-47; Ephesians 4:16
- H. To _____ the commitment level toward the local church**
Psalm 122:1 Psalm 55:14 Psalm 42:4-5