

THE MISSION



Revelation 3:14-22

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Laodicea = the lukewarm church

Sardis = the dead church

Two views of the church:

The view of God

The view of the Laodiceans



CATHEDRAL AGE OF
CHRISTIANITY



**THE HISTORY OF THE HUMAN RACE
CAN BE DIVIDED INTO TWO
CHAPTERS - THE FIGHT TO GET
LEISURE; WHAT TO DO WITH IT
WHEN WE GET IT.
*PRESIDENT JAMES GARFIELD***



WHAT HAPPENED?

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“Religious movements always begin in caves, and they always die in cathedrals.” (Vance Havner)

- **Social Acceptance - A Place of Prominence!**
- **Fits the model of Sardis in [Revelation 3:1](#)**



Five 'M' to church growth (Vance Havner)

1. The **MAN** - *the fervor, zeal, dedication*
2. The **MEN** - *attracted to movement*
3. The **METHODS** - *ways to carry out mission*
4. The **MACHINERY** - *methods failed; machine age*
5. The **MAUSOLEUM** - *a place of dead bones*



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Jesus had a mission

Luke 5:31-32

Luke 19:9-10

Jesus gave the apostles a charge to keep

Matthew 28:16-20

Mark 16:14-20

Luke 24:44-49



They carried out the mission **THE MISSION**

Acts 2:40-47

Acts 4:4

Acts 5:14

Acts 6:7

Acts 9:31

The early church carried out the mission

Romans 1:16-18

Romans 10:8-18

Paul shows the pattern

1 Timothy 4:15-16

2 Timothy 2:2



OUR GOALS IS SOULS



Fishers of men, not keepers of the aquarium!

**Not spending too much time in the huddle. Games
are not won in the huddle!**

We enter to worship and we leave to serve!

**Let us be an
EVANGELIZING CHURCH!**



How can we make the Trenton church an evangelizing church?

Luke 10:2



AND I TOLD THEM OF THE HAND OF MY GOD WHICH HAD BEEN GOOD UPON ME, AND ALSO OF THE KING'S WORDS THAT HE HAD SPOKEN TO ME. SO THEY SAID, "LET US RISE UP AND BUILD." THEN THEY SET THEIR HANDS TO THIS GOOD WORK.

(NEHEMIAH 2:18)



AND HE SAID TO THEM, "GO INTO ALL THE WORLD AND
PREACH THE GOSPEL TO EVERY CREATURE. HE WHO
BELIEVES AND IS BAPTIZED WILL BE SAVED; BUT HE WHO
DOES NOT BELIEVE WILL BE CONDEMNED.

(MARK 16:15-16)