



# What Makes a Church Great?

In order for us to move forward with our vision and mission as New Covenant Church we need to be able to answer, biblically, what makes a church great.

## 1. It has great purpose. (Acts 1:8)

- ✦ Their purpose was to be a witness as to who Christ was and what He has done.
- ✦ Everything we do must be geared around this one purpose and devoid of any human agenda!

How do we make sure that we avoid human agenda?  
Simply check your motives/purpose behind everything you desire and everything you do!

## 2. It has great power. (Acts 2:1-4)

- ✦ This power that came upon the apostles is the same power that comes upon us when we trust Christ.
- ✦ This power also produced great results as it should today!

## 3. It has great preaching. (Acts 2:14-41)

What made it great?:

- ✦ 1. It exalted Jesus.
- ✦ 2. It convicted sinners.
- ✦ 3. It spoke of God's grace extended to sinners.
- ✦ 4. It involved a personal commitment.
- ✦ 5. It lead people to Jesus.

We are all called to preach/proclaim the Gospel and we are commanded to do it in such a way that Jesus is exalted, sinners are convicted, God's grace is displayed, people are invited to make a personal commitment, and it leads people to Jesus!

**4. It has great people. (Acts 2:42-47)**

- ✦ **They had people willing to give up everything for Jesus!**

Let's be people that are willing to do whatever it takes to make disciples just like that of the early church, even if that means personal sacrifice!

**5. It has great promises. (Acts 13:32-39)**

- ✦ **They had the promise of Jesus, His Holy Spirit, heaven, and many other promises. So do we!**

**6. It has great leaders. (Acts 14:19-23)**

- ✦ **They had leaders committed to the advancement of the Gospel regardless of personal cost that then established other leaders willing to do the same.**

**Conclusion:**

The world defines greatness by power, prestige, possessions, and position. God defines greatness by Christlikeness which entails humility, sacrifice, generosity and a life that is sold out to seeing Jesus' Kingdom, name, and glory being the sole purpose of our existence!