

Daily Devotion For January 21, 2022

"Magnify the LORD with me; let us exalt his name together." Psalm 34:3

In my message on Sunday I asked the question, *"What do you think of when you think of church?"* When we look at the state of the church across the United States, we see that there is a declining membership and many people have a more negative than positive view of the church. What is the church supposed to be like?

In his book, "The Purpose Driven Church", Pastor Rick Warren defines 5 purposes of the church. **The first purpose of the church is to Magnify the Lord.** To Magnify the Lord means that our priority is to worship God. To give to God the honor and glory that is due his name. We worship God first of all by **adoring** who He is, His nature and His character. Second, we recognize that God is Holy and that we sin and are in need of God's forgiveness, therefore we **confess** our sins to God. Third we **thank** God for His abundant goodness and blessings, and fourth, we present our **supplications** to God on behalf of others and ourselves. This can be summed up by the acronym ACTS (Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving and Supplication).

Thought For Today: We remember that worship is not something that we do just on Sunday's between 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. but it is a lifestyle that we live out 24/7.

Today's Prayer Focus: In your prayers today, use the acronym ACTS to guide your time of worship. Deo Volente.