



-- **Big Idea:** The church exists to come, connect, serve, grow, and go for the glory of God.

### 1.) The church \_\_\_\_\_.

- Affirmations – v. 2:2, 2:19, Ephesians 2:10
- Denunciations – v. 3:1, 3:15-16, Matthew 3:10
- Conclusion – We are meant to be an assembly of soldiers, not spectators.
- Application – v. 3:2-3 – “Wake up! Strengthen what remains... Remember ... what you have received and heard; obey it, and repent.”
- The call to labor in the Lord aligns with our purpose of \_\_\_\_\_, which we summarize with the word “\_\_\_\_\_.” (Mat. 20:26-28).

### 2.) The church \_\_\_\_\_.

- Affirmations – v. 2:19, 1 John 3:14
- Denunciations – v. 2:4, 1 John 4:20
- Conclusion – Love for each other is one of the surest marks of the church.
- Application – v. 2:5 – “Repent, and do the works you did at first.”
- The call to love aligns with our purpose of \_\_\_\_\_, which we summarize with the word “\_\_\_\_\_.” (John 13:34-35).

### 3.) The church \_\_\_\_\_.

- Affirmations – v. 2:7, 11, 17, 29; 3:6, 13, 22, Matthew 7:24-25
- Denunciations – v. 3:17, Matthew 7:26-27
- Conclusion – Gospel transformation comes to those who listen to Christ’s voice and submit to His Word.
- Application – v. 3:18-20 – “Be earnest, and repent. Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him, and he with me”
- The call to listen aligns with our purpose of \_\_\_\_\_, which we summarize with the word “\_\_\_\_\_.” (Eph. 4:22-24).

### 4.) The church \_\_\_\_\_.

- Affirmations – v. 2:2, 2:6, Colossians 2:8
- Denunciations – v. 2:14-15, 2:20-24, Matthew 7:15
- Conclusion – The church is meant by Christ to shine in the world as an uncompromised beacon of truth.
- Application – v. 2:25 – “Only hold on to what you have until I come.”
- This call to light the way aligns with our purpose of \_\_\_\_\_, which we summarize with the word “\_\_\_\_\_” (2 Cor. 5:20-21).

### 5.) The church \_\_\_\_\_.

- Affirmations – v. 2:2, 2:3, 2:9, 2:13, 3:8, 1 John 2:19
- Conclusion – The church exists to bring glory to God by treasuring Him above all else in every circumstance, no matter how difficult.
- Application – v. 2:10 – “Do not be afraid of what you are about to suffer... Be faithful, even to the point of death, and I will give you the crown of life.”
- We keep the pleasure of God in the forefront of our minds and emphasize that all we are and do has as its goal \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Corinthians 10:31).

### -- Live and long for what is \_\_\_\_\_.

- Christ continually encourages the church to persevere in His purposes by urging us to press on toward the victory that lies ahead.
  - v. 2:7, 2:11, 2:17, 2:26-28, 3:5, 3:9-12, 3:21
- To those who ignore the words of Christ and reject His promises, Jesus gives devastating warnings about the future (v. 2:16, 3:3)
  - If eternal realities do not guide our direction and decisions today, then we have missed the point of these letters.
  - Revelation continually shows us the vast distinction between what is happening on earth and what is happening in God’s kingdom.
- The Pathway of Purpose for those who would follow Christ is to come, connect, serve, grow, and go.