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**The church as Jesus' body should do what Jesus the head wants done**  
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Jesus came and died on the cross to establish or build the church. Through the years, many other human beings have died for the advancement of the church. Paul's mission was to proclaim "Christ as head of the body, the church." The church exists as the body of Christ; the church exists to be the body of Christ. God's eternal purpose is to bring everything together in the church, under the authority and headship of Jesus.

When Jesus was here physically, he taught and preached and healed. God sent him to save the world. Jesus came to seek and to save the lost. He did these things personally. Jesus has now given the world his body in a different form—the church is the spiritual body of Christ. The real work of the church is to be obedient to the head and do the work of the head. The work of the church is to do the same work that Jesus did when he was physically present—preaching, teaching, and healing; seeking and saving. This is how Jesus planned to have a continuing impact in the world—through the church that would present his message and do his work.

How does what I do as a Christian compare to what Jesus came to do? How does what the church is about compare to Jesus' purpose in coming to this earth?