

**Valley Bible Church
Sermon Notes for September 21, 2008**

**The Mission of the Church
Romans 1:16
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Understanding how the church should respond to the prospect of Proposition 8 not passing, based on what the Scriptures teach, requires that we know three different things.

The church needs to know the real problem that we are facing.

The real problem facing the church today is that the world is spiritually dead and under the control of Satan (Ephesians 2:1-2).

The church needs to know God's solution.

God's solution for the world's spiritual deadness and enslavement to Satan is the gospel of Christ (Romans 1:16).

This is the gospel: "that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures" (1 Corinthians 15:1-4).

The gospel of Christ is good news because it trumpets Christ's victory over the power of sin.

When Christ died for our sins and paid the debt that we owed to God, He became the one and only door to heaven (John 10:9).

People go through the door and get saved by faith (Romans 1:16).

May we by the grace of God point the world to the gospel of Christ, which is God's solution to the real problem facing this world.