Series: The Church of God (4/1/18) <u>Title</u>: Duty & Responsibility <u>Text</u>: (Matt 28:19-20)(Acts 1:8)(1 Tim 3:15)

1. The Church of God does have Duties & Responsibilities.

Duty - That which a person owes to another. Submission & Obedience to His Will. Our Church has a Duty to God.

Why do we Owe God?

(Eph 5:25b) *Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;*

(Acts 20:28b) *the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.*

Responsibilities - What we are accountable or answerable, as for a trust or office, or for a debt.

Our Church has a Responsibility given to us by God.

The Church has a Duty to God to fulfill it's Responsibilities assigned to it by God.

We are to take these personally, b/c we are the Church

What is our Church's Responsibilities regarding... <u>The World</u>: *Not to Love the World:* (1 Jn 2:15) *Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.*

Not sent to Reform the World:

Be good Citizens: (Rom 13:1-14) Be good Examples of Christ: (Phil 2:14-16) Be Doing good: (Eph 2:10)

What is our Church's Responsibilities regarding... The Unsaved:

Be preaching the gospel: (Mt 28:19-20) (Mk 16:15) Reveal Their Condition: Lost/Dead to God. Declare Their Need: A Savior. Present Christ:

Sending out Missionaries: (Acts 1:8) "Both" We are to Pray for Laborers: (Luke 10:2)

What is our Church's Responsibilities regarding... The Church Member:

Membership is like a marriage.

Commit One to Another:

We don't want to date forever. We don't was to shack up either. Marriage is a commitment ceremony. Membership is a commitment ceremony.

Care One to Another:

Love:	(Jn 13:34) (Jn 15:12)
<u>Unity</u> :	(Eph 4:32)
Patience:	(Col 3:13)
Edification:	(1 Thes 5:11)(Heb 10:24-25)
Comfort:	(2 Cor 1:3-4)
Separation:	(2 Thes 3:6) Church Discipline
	(Rom 16:17) Abstinence from Gossip

What is our Church's Responsibilities regarding... <u>The Preacher</u>:

<u>Respect Me</u>: (1 Tim 5:17) <u>Support Me</u>: (1 Tim 5:18) <u>Pray for Me</u>: (Heb 13:7a) *Remember* <u>Follow Me</u>: (Heb 13:7b) *Whose Faith Follow, or Follow my faith.*

Believe in Me: (Heb 13:17)

Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you.

What is our Church's Responsibilities regarding... Word of God: (1 Tim 3: Study It: Live It: Declare It: What is our Church's Responsibilities regarding... The Lord Jesus Christ: Put no other gods before Him:

This Duty to fufill these Responsibilities can only be accomplished through...

Faithfulness: It must be our Focus, year round **Obedience:** It must be our mission, year round. **Faith:** Tomorrow is a place we have never been before.