

The Church that Jesus Built
Why We Need The Church?
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“so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord,” Ephesians 3:10-11

To Love God, Love Others, and Make Disciples.

Why is the Local Church So Important?

All the believers were together and had everything in common. Selling their possessions and goods, they gave to anyone as he had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved. Acts 2:44-47

And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. Genesis 12:2

After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, Revelation 7:9

- Our Relationship with Jesus Shapes our Relationship with Others

for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. Galatians 3:26-28

so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.
Romans 12:5

And falling to the ground, he heard a voice saying to him, “Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?” And he said, “Who are you, Lord?” And he said, “I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting.” Acts 9:4-5

- Can't Serve Jesus without Serving His People

“By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”
John 13:35

And the King will answer them, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.’ Matthew 25:40

- GOD WANTS US UNITED.
- SATAN WANTS US DIVIDED.

All the believers were divided. They didn't have much of anything in common. Hoarding their possessions and goods they kept as much as they could for themselves. Every now and then, if it wasn't football season and they weren't too tired, they would come to church for an hour and leave early to beat the traffic. They loved Jesus when it was convenient for them, yet they were despised by people for their hypocrisy. And very few people got saved.

"The Christian Atheist", Craig Groeschel

- What Do We Miss When We Miss Church?

And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near. Hebrews 10:24-25

Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

... Be at peace among yourselves. And we urge you, brothers, admonish the idle, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with them all. See that no one repays anyone evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to everyone. Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophecies, but test everything; hold fast what is good. Abstain from every form of evil. 1 Thessalonians 5:11; 13b-22

Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. Philippians 2:3-4

*"Your church is vital to you, and you are vital to your church. We are God's Family, God's Embassy, and the Bride of Jesus" **"Why Bother With Church?"** Sam Allberry*