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## A Good Church

Some folks appreciate the blessing of a good church, others fail to see the significance. Every Believer needs a good church where they “get something out of it”. I have been in churches that wasted my time, and I have been in others that taught me the things I needed. Some churches are nothing more than social clubs where people gather to get into each others business. So, what is a good church? What do you look for and how do you find one?

**Habakkuk 2:2** Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that reads it.

Not all churches are ordained of God, the ones that the Lord called to be will have a vision from the Master. Some preachers choose their vocation as you would a secular job, these are not shepherds, they are hirelings. When a Christian is looking for a church they should ask the pastor what his vision is. The vision should witness to your spirit whether you can flow with it and if you have a gift that will support it. If you have a draw towards the healing anointing, you would not be happy in a ministry that just feeds people. I have had good people in my church

for several years, but they never quite fit in. They loved me and the people but they could not connect with my vision, so they moved on.

In a community, God will ordain multiple churches that don't seem to agree with one another, so they remain divided. I met with a dozen of the local pastors and found no fault in any of them, they were good committed ministers of the Lord Jesus. So, I wondered what had divided us all these years. One day, in a time of prayer, the Lord showed me the problem. Every pastor had a different vision, so we were all called to do something specifically for the Lord. We all misunderstood each others motives and we allowed that to divide us. And then the Lord said this to me: If every church does what I ordained it to do, then I can cover the entire community with my supernatural provision.

**Psalms 127:1** Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it.

Not all churches or ministries are built by the will of God, some begin in His will but

they stray away from it. I know of some that are out of God's will but they see their error and repent. I have a couple of pastor friends that had large churches, but one day they got filled with the Holy Spirit and shared the experience, they were both given the left foot of fellowship. You do not want to be part of a church where not even God is welcome.

Do not choose your home church based on location or the appearance of the building. Spend time in prayer and the Holy Ghost will lead you to the place He needs you to be.

**1 Corinthians 12:18** God sets the members in the body as it has pleased Him.

Your choice of a home church must please your Lord, not you. But after you join yourself to His choice, you will be glad and very much blessed.



# In the Church

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Now that we have become more civilized, when we don't like a message we just change it.

When I drive by a church I always wonder what goes on in those walls, I often wish I had time to find out.

**Acts 20:28** Take heed unto yourselves, and to all the flock over which the Holy Ghost has made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which He has purchased with His own Blood.

If a church is ordained of God, then the leadership will receive revelation from heaven that is to be offered to the people. Preachers have no business teaching people what they "think", we have an obligation to the blood of Jesus to preach "thus said the Lord"! Woe to the man who teaches God's people anything other than the truth. If a preacher does not fully

He purchased the people with His own blood.

The value of anything is determined by what someone is willing to pay for it. That was the Father's blood that was coursing through the veins of Jesus. He shed His very own blood in order to purchase the freedom of all mankind. We cannot put a monetary value on the life of a human being, because we cannot put a value on the blood of Jesus. The Lord takes a very narrow view of those who abuse and mislead His children.

to tie a rock to his neck and throw it in the sea than to offend one of His children.

**Jude 1:4** Some ungodly people have wormed their way in your churches, saying that God's marvelous grace allows us to live immoral lives. The condemnation of such people was recorded long ago, for they have come to deny our Lord Jesus Christ.



**Acts 1:20** As it is written, let his house be desolate, and let no man live there in: and his office let another take it.

These ungodly people are still among us preaching the doctrine of devils, it's called greasy grace. In the old days, if you didn't like the message, you shot the messenger. Now that we have become more civilized, when we don't like a message we just change it. I do not see the Lord letting this go on much longer, surely by now these people have had enough time to repent. Men will not be able to live and thrive in the glorious church, perhaps we will see more Ananias and Sapphira incidents. The church needs to be a place where people come to be fed the uncompromised Word of God to know the truth.

This Scripture was leveled at Judas and anyone else who would betray Jesus, Who is the Word of God. If a man openly defies the Lord and feeds lies to His people, he will not persist for long. I was not God's first choice for the vision He gave me. If I won't flow with the vision, He will take it away and give it to another. I have never taken ministry lightly, life and death is in the balance. The Lord said it would be better for a man



appreciate God's people, then he needs to meditate the last words of this text.

# Your Foundation

Every church that was ordained of God has a mandate from the Lord to build a foundation of faith under every saint. If you attend a church that is not actively teaching you the uncompromised Word of God, you may be in the wrong church. Years ago Kathy would on occasion invite her very old aunt out to our house for dinner. She was a nice lady and once in awhile I was able to be a part of the conversation. I asked Aunt Mary if she would see heaven, she didn't know but she sure hoped she would. She had attended a church for over twenty years, but never said the sinners prayer until the night I led her to the Lord.

**2 Timothy 2:5** Study to show yourself approved unto God, a workman that need not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of truth.

As born again Christians, we must give ourselves to the Word to find out what pleases our Lord. What the Lord had recorded in His Word does not apply to every man. The Old Testament is all about keeping the law, but the New Testament saint has nothing to do with the law. Some churches incorporate the old covenant law with new covenant grace, this is called "religion" when men incorporate their will with the Word

of God. We must be willing to submit these questions to every wind of doctrine: where does this put me with the Lord? Does it give me free access to the Lord or does it put me in a bondage situation?

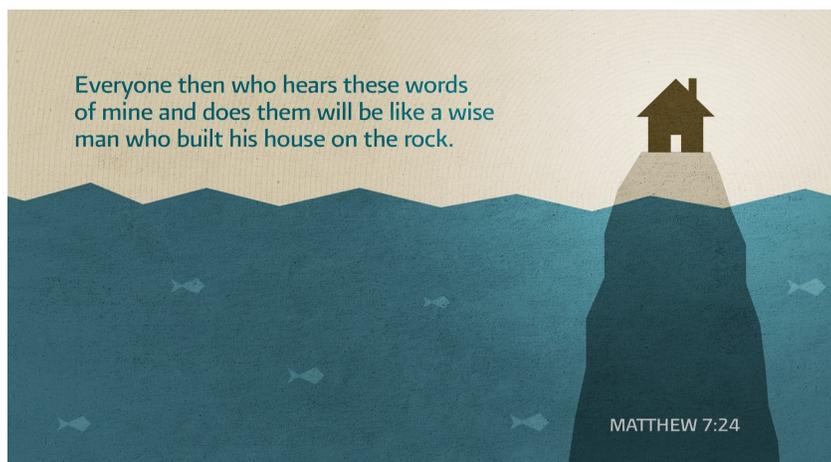
**Mathew 7:24** Whosoever hears these sayings of Mine and does them, I will like him unto a wise man that built his house upon a rock.

Are you being taught the things you need to fortify yourself to endure all the challenges of life? Now remember, hearing the uncompromised

and Santa Claus would still bring me presents.

**John 16:13-14** When the Spirit of Truth is come, He shall glorify Me: for He will receive of Me, and show it unto you.

When the Holy Spirit is the Teacher in the local church, He will always speak the truth concerning Jesus. There is nothing about Jesus that will frighten you, if you are taught by His Spirit you will fall in love with Jesus and remain there. The apostle Paul warned the church that many would depart from the

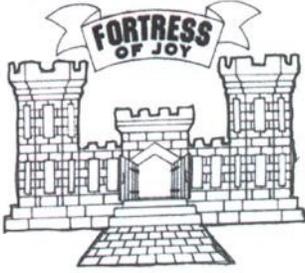


Word and believe the doctrines of devils. My brothers and sisters, you must be aware that the

Word is not enough, you must commit to do what the Lord tells you. You will always have two sources of information, what God tells you and what the church tells you. The church ought to be telling you exactly what the Lord is telling you, if it's not you will subject yourself to "religion". Let me give you a classic example of "religion". When I was a boy I loved Santa Claus more than God! If I ate a piece of bologna on Friday, God would send me to hell, but I could be a brat

doctrine of devils is being taught in many churches. You must never totally trust any man because men make mistakes. God gave you a Bible and He gave you the Holy Ghost. He has been sent to guide you into all truth. An honest preacher will not be offended if you make him show you in the Bible the Word he is preaching. We cannot afford to be deceived, eternity is too long to be out of His presence.

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## Time to Clean House

Some churches will never change their “pet” doctrine despite it’s opposition to God’s Word! This is too radical a change because it would demand that a church admit they are in error. Furthermore, they would need someone from the outside to come and teach the truth.

**Ephesians 5:26-27** Jesus is cleaning His church with the washing of the Word. That He may present it to Himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.

Every church that names the Name of Christ is continually being bathed in God’s Word. In order to become the church Jesus envisions, one must be willing to grow in His will. If a church will not ac-

cept the administration of the Holy Spirit, they will not see the glory. The glory of God in the manifest presence of the Lord Himself. Why would any church not want to see His glory?



The doctrine in some churches make no provision for His glory, it is not believed on and acceptable. A church without God and His glory is just a building, it has the same value as an out-house. I am willing to do whatever the Lord requires of me in order to see His glory. It is ridiculous to separate God from His glory. Lord come and clean my house, prepare me for a visitation.