

Ecclesia: Be the church (Part 2)

Colossians 3:12-17

Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, [13] bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. [14] And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. [15] And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. [16] Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. [17] And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

SERMON POINTS

- **The Church's Identity**
- **The Church's Mandate**
- **The Church's Authority**

KEY TAKEAWAY →

God's Word and God's People are indispensable to spiritual growth

QUESTIONS:

Q: Who is the godliest person you know or have read about?

Q: What type of things do you think shaped that person's spiritual growth (sanctification)?

Q: At what point in your life did you experience the greatest spiritual growth? What factors led to you growing so much during that time?

Q: The "Key Takeaway" from the sermon was that "God's Word and God's People are indispensable to our spiritual growth (sanctification). In what ways has that proven to be true in your life (or not)?

Q: Scott referenced the most read NY Times article in 2016 and it was entitled, "Why you will marry the wrong person." See quote below. Marriage is never difficult, but it is more of a challenge in our society of "me first." The article made the point that if you approach marriage through a "me first" attitude you will always be married to the "wrong person." But when you commit, and stay and push forward you reap the rewards of the community of marriage. How does that correlate to the church?

Q: During the sermon Meagan South (Children’s Director) shared their story of a season of life when they isolated themselves from the body of Christ. What about her story do you most identify with?

QUOTES:

NY Times “Why you will always marry the wrong person:We seem normal only to those who don’t know us very well. In a wiser, more self-aware society than our own, a standard question on any early dinner date would be: “And how are you crazy?” The problem is that before marriage, we rarely delve into our complexities. Whenever casual relationships threaten to reveal our flaws, we blame our partners and call it a day....One of the privileges of being on our own is therefore the sincere impression that we are really quite easy to live with.”

Scott Sauls (JESUS OUTSIDE THE LINES): “Jesus loves his church at her best and at her worst. He laid down his life for her (John 10:11). He will never leave or forsake her (Hebrews 13:5). He will complete the work he started in her (Philippians 1:6). In other words, Jesus never looked for more of God by having less of the church. Instead, *he married her*. The church is the chosen, beloved bride of Christ. What does it say about us if the church is good enough for the Father to adopt, for the Spirit to inhabit, and for Jesus to marry . . . but not good enough for *us* to join?”

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

-NV Students Fall Retreat is still on – they will be hanging out at a couple cabins in Christopher Creek instead of Mountain Meadow Ranch. Sign up online if your student will be attending.

-Intro to New Valley class – Saturday, October 21 from 8am – noon. Find out more about what we believe and what we ask from our members. Required class to become a member. Childcare is provided. Sign up online!