

Unpacking Part 3: "Church Stuff"

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"Jesus said to the people who believed in him, 'You are truly my disciples if you remain faithful to my teachings. And you will <u>know the</u> <u>truth</u>, and the truth will <u>set you free</u>."" John 8:31-32 (NLT)

THE TRUTH WILL FREE ME FROM MY BAGGAGE, AND THE TRUTH ABOUT THE CHURCH IS THAT...

1. ...THE CHURCH IS ______ TO GOD & IT SHOULD BE ______ TO ME.

"Now I say to you that you are Peter (which means 'rock'), and <u>upon this rock</u> I will build<u>my</u> <u>church</u>, and all the powers of hell will not conquer it."

Matthew 16:18 (NLT)

"Husbands, you must love your wives so deeply, purely, and sacrificially that we can understand it only when we compare it to <u>the</u> <u>love the Anointed One has for His bride, the</u> <u>church</u>. We know <u>He gave Himself up</u> <u>completely</u> to make her His own, <u>washing her</u> <u>clean</u> of all her impurity with water and the powerful presence of His word. He has <u>given</u> <u>Himself</u> so that He can present the church as <u>His radiant bride, unstained, unwrinkled, and</u> <u>unblemished</u>—completely free from all impurity—holy and innocent before Him. So husbands should care for their wives as if their lives depended on it, the same way they care for their own bodies. <u>As you love her, you</u> <u>ultimately are loving part of yourself</u> (remember, you are one flesh). No one really hates his own body; he takes care to <u>feed and</u> <u>love it, just as the Anointed takes care of His</u> <u>church</u>, because we are living members of His body."

Ephesians 5:25-30 (TVB)

2. ...THE CHURCH IS ______ AND _____BROKEN PEOPLE— ______ME.

"Now these are the gifts <u>Christ gave to the</u> church: the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, and the pastors and teachers. Their responsibility is to equip God's people to do his work and build up the church, the body of Christ. This will continue until we all come to such unity in our faith and knowledge of God's Son that we will be mature in the Lord. measuring up to the full and complete standard of Christ. Then we will no longer be immature like children. We won't be tossed and blown about by every wind of new teaching. We will not be influenced when people try to trick us with lies so clever they sound like the truth. Instead, we will speak the truth in love. growing in every way more and more like Christ, who is the head of his body, the church. He makes the whole body fit together

perfectly. As <u>each part does its own special</u> work, it <u>helps the other parts</u> grow, so that the whole body is <u>healthy</u> and <u>growing</u> and <u>full of</u> <u>love</u>."

Ephesians 4:11-16 (NLT)

3. ...THE CHURCH IS WHERE I HELP IN OTHERS AND THE COMES OUT IN ME.

"We should think about each other to see how we can encourage each other to show love and do good works. We must not quit meeting together, as some are doing. No, we need to keep on encouraging each other. This becomes more and more important as you see the Day getting closer."

Hebrews 10:24-25 (ERV)

"Love each other in a way that makes you feel close like brothers and sisters. And give each other more honor than you give yourself. As you serve the Lord, work hard and don't be lazy. Be excited about serving him! Be happy because of the hope you have. Be patient when you have troubles. Pray all the time. Share with God's people who need help. Look for people who need help and welcome them into your homes."

Romans 12:10-13 (ERV)

4. ...THE CHURCH IS GOD'S _____ TO A WORLD LOST AT SEA AND _____

"God was bringing the world back to himself through Christ. He did not hold people's sins against them. God has trusted us with the message that people may be brought back to him. So we are Christ's official messengers. It is as if God were making his appeal through us. Here is what Christ wants us to beg you to do. Come back to God!"

2 Corinthians 5:19-20 (NIRV)

"<u>You are the light</u> that shines for the world to see. You are like a city built on a hill that cannot be hidden. People don't hide a lamp under a bowl. They put it on a lampstand. Then the light shines for everyone in the house. In the same way, <u>you should be a light for other</u> <u>people</u>. Live so that they will <u>see the good</u> <u>things you do</u> and praise your Father in heaven."

Matthew 5:14-16 (ERV)