

Are You Looking For A Church? What Are You Looking For?

Many today are dissatisfied with the church in which they grew up or the one with which they have been associated for many years. There are various reasons for the dissatisfaction. Some are not happy about dwindling numbers, the old building, or the lack of "activities" for themselves or their children. Others are unsatisfied with the doctrines and practices of men (Matt. 15:7-9).

There are others who have never been a member of any church, or long ago quit attending anywhere, who now realize the need to get their life right with God (Lk. 13:3).

If you are looking for a church, what standard or criteria are you using? Are you looking for the one that has the best and most social or recreational activities for you and your children (Rom. 14:17)? Or, are you looking for the one which is striving to follow the New Testament in belief and practice (Col. 3:17; Matt. 28:18-20; Jn. 4:24)?

For those who seek a church with social and recreational activities, we ask, did Jesus die so the children could go to the roller rink? Did He shed His blood for men to eat hot dogs and hamburgers? Friend, is it not true that Jesus died and shed His blood for the church which is to be the pillar and ground of the truth (Acts 20:28; Eph. 5:25; 1 Tim. 3:15)? Those whose religion is based upon or mixed in with social and recreational activities, have shallow spirituality. But, those whose religion is based upon spiritual matters, who look to the Bible alone for faith and practice, and who put Christ and His truth above all, they are the ones who will honor and glorify God (2 Tim. 3:16-17; Mk. 8:34-38).

Friend, if you are seeking a church with which to work and worship according to the New Testament, if you are wanting to be a member of a church which is striving to preach Christ and Him crucified, which will not compromise with the world, then won't you visit us (Jn. 4:24; 1 Cor. 2:2; Rom. 12:1-2)? We invite any and all who sincerely want to follow God's revealed will to study with us. We will sit down with an open Bible and see what the Spirit says. We are determined to do God's will, adding and subtracting nothing, and exhort you to do the same (cf. Rev. 22:18-19).

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