



Sermon Outline
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Ecclesia

Ephesians 4:1-16

What you believe determines how you _____.

2 Timothy 3:16-17 - All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

The “church” was not an afterthought. It was God’s plan from the _____.

Ephesians 3:10-11 - His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms, according to his eternal purpose that he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**Words don’t have meaning.
_____ have meaning.**

The word “church” doesn’t actually appear in the Bible.

The word translated “church” is the Greek work _____.

It is correctly defined as “the called-out (ones)” and refers to an assembly, meeting, or congregation of the called-out ones.

Three word pictures of the church presented in the Bible:

1) _____ – reveals mission in the midst of warfare.

Philippians 2:25 - But I think it is necessary to send back to you Epaphroditus, my brother, co-worker and **fellow soldier**, who is also your messenger, whom you sent to take care of my needs.

2) _____ – reveals responsibility amidst varying maturity.

1 Timothy 5:1-2 - Do not rebuke an older man harshly, but exhort him as if he were your father. Treat younger men as brothers, older women as mothers, and younger women as sisters, with absolute purity.

3) _____ – reveals unity in the midst of diversity.

Ephesians 4:12 - ...to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up...

_____ is essential for a body.

Ephesians 4:4-6 - There is **one** body and **one** Spirit, just as you were called to **one** hope when you were called; **one** Lord, **one** faith, **one** baptism; **one** God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

Unity does not equal _____.

Ephesians 4:11-12 - So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up.

Ephesians 4:16 - From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

Every part of the body has a _____.

Question: In the body of Christ, am I just a consumer, or am I also a _____?