

Here's the Church, Here's the Steeple
Part 1 "The Church's One Foundation"

Introduction

- What is _____ ?
- What are we about?
- What is the _____ of the church?
- What is our responsibility as _____ of the church?
- Is Church Important?

"The Church"

- 1 Corinthians 1:2
- *Ekklesia*: An _____ of people, called out for an official purpose (Acts 7:38)
- We are God's people, _____ of the world, meeting to worship Him

2 Concepts of the Christian Church

1. Universal Church: God's people _____
 2. Local Church: _____ groups of Christians in a local area
- All believers are part of both!

"The Foundation"
Colossians 1:15-20

- _____ : It's all about Him!
- The Image of God
 - The perfect _____ of God to us.
 - Firstborn over Creation
 - Existed before creation, the _____ of creation

- Head of the Church

Jesus _____ us to God through His work on the cross

“The Message”
Colossians 1:21-23

We have one _____ message: THE GOSPEL!

“*Gospel*”: Good _____, Good Message

Do we really know what the gospel is?

Have we become too _____ with it?

False Gospels

- “*Health and Wealth*”

Jesus didn’t live this out. He had a _____!

- “*Hell Insurance*”

“I have come that they may _____ and have it to the full”(Jn.10:10)

- “*Easy Believeism*”

Reconciliation implies a _____, not a prayer

- “*All Inclusive*”

“No one comes to the father _____ through me” (John 14:6)

Bored in the Lord?

Are we so familiar with the gospel that it _____ us?

We were enemies of God, but Christ _____ us to Him.

We are now Holy in God’s sight!

This message is what we (the church) are _____!

“The Mission”
Colossians 1:24-29

Discipleship is the _____ of the church!

Our job is to reach out with the gospel and produce mature servants of Christ.

Everything we do as a church should have _____ as its goal.

The measure of success is not programs, attendance, etc. It is how many people are _____ and experiencing changed lives.

Conclusion

- The church is God’s people, called out of the world, _____ to worship God.

- The _____ of the Church is Jesus Christ: It’s all about Him!

- Our central Message is the _____: God reconciling people to Himself through Jesus.

- Our central work is _____: Bringing people to Jesus and helping them develop spiritual maturity.

- Are we focused on our purpose, or are we distracted?