

What's Right With The Church

Intro: Mat. 11:7 ⁴⁷ And as they departed, Jesus began to say unto the multitudes concerning John, What went ye out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken with the wind?" What are you looking for? We often look for the bad qualities of things and of others. In this lesson we want to look at what is right with the church.

I. PRICE IS RIGHT.

A. The preparation and plan for the church.

1. God has been making the plan from the beginning; Gen. 3:15 ¹⁵ And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel."
2. Gal. 4:4 ⁴ But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law,"
3. Dan. 2:44 ⁴⁴ And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, *but* it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever."
4. Eph. 3:9-10 ⁹ And to make all *men* see what *is* the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ: ¹⁰ To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly *places* might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God,"
5. With Christ is the foundation.
 - a. 1 Cor. 3:11 ¹¹ For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ."
 - b. 1 Pet. 2:7 ⁷ Unto you therefore which believe *he is* precious: but unto them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner,"

B. Bought by the blood of Jesus Christ.

1. Acts 20:28 ²⁸ Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood."
2. Mat. 26:28 ²⁸ For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins."

II. PEOPLE ARE RIGHT.

A. They are all saved, and have to be saved to be a member of the church.

1. Acts 2:47 ⁴⁷ Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved."
2. The church means those who are called out.
 - a. Out of the world.
 - b. In order to be saved.
3. We are added to it when we: Hear, believe, repent, confess, and be baptized.
 - a. Acts 2:38 ³⁸ Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost."
 - b. Acts 2:41 ⁴¹ Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added *unto them* about three thousand souls."

B. It is not made up of sinless people, but like a hospital they are where they can be healed.

1. Mat. 9:12 ¹² But when Jesus heard *that*, he said unto them, They that be whole need not a physician, but they that are sick."
2. Mark 2:17 ¹⁷ When Jesus heard *it*, he saith unto them, They that are whole have no need of the physician, but they that are sick: I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance."

III. PLEAD IS RIGHT.

A. Church is going in the right direction.

1. It is seeking after Christ.
2. Going after the old paths; Jer. 6:16 ¹⁶ Thus saith the LORD, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where *is* the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls. But they said, We will not walk *therein*.

B. Its plead is the New Testament pattern.

IV. PURPOSE IS RIGHT.

A. To save souls.

1. Luke 19:10 ¹⁰ For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.”
2. Mark 16:15-16 ¹⁵ And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. ¹⁶ He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.”

B. The glorification of God and not man.

1. Eph. 3:14-15 ¹⁴ For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵ Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named,”
2. Phi. 2:10-11 ¹⁰ That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of *things* in heaven, and *things* in earth, and *things* under the earth; ¹¹ And *that* every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ *is* Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”

V. PROMISES ARE RIGHT.

A. We are in:

1. Body of Christ; thus they are the saved; Eph. 5:23 ²³ For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body.”
2. Family of God; thus joint-heirs with Christ; Rom. 8:16-17 ¹⁶ The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: ¹⁷ And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with *him*, that we may be also glorified together.”
3. Bride of Christ; Rev. 19:7-9 ⁷ Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready. ⁸ And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints. ⁹ And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed *are* they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God.”
4. church; thus should be saved; Acts 2:47 ⁴⁷ Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.”

B. Rev. 20:11-15 ¹¹ And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. ¹² And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is *the book* of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. ¹³ And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. ¹⁴ And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. ¹⁵ And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.”

C. Luke 10:20 ²⁰ Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven.”

Conclusion: Don't you want to be a member of this organization which is right and is the right church?