

"A Church That's Worth Something"

Text - Eph. 3:21 and 5:27

Introduction: The Word of God tells us that Christ died for the church. He believed she was "worth it". The Christian should certainly believe it too. Our church should be worthy of our Time, Talents, and Treasure. A Church Worth Something is one where:

Your Church:

- *Be Excited About It
- *Be Encouraged By it
- *Be Established In It
- *Be Examples Of It

1. The Will of God Is Emphasized - Romans 12:1-2

Romans 12:1-2 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, *which is* your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what *is* that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

2. The Word of God Is Believed - 1 Thess. 2:13

1 Thessalonians 2:13 For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe.

3. The Way of Salvation Is Preached - Romans 1:16

Romans 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

4. The Witness of Fruit Is Expected - 1 Thess. 1:7-8

1 Thessalonians 1:7-8 So that ye were ensamples to all that believe in Macedonia and Achaia. For from you sounded out the word of the Lord not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place your faith to God-ward is spread abroad; so that we need not to speak any thing.

5. The Work of Winning the Lost Is Needed - Matt. 9:37-38

Matthew 9:37-38 Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest.

6. The Wrong of Sin Is Exposed - Acts 20:26-28

Acts 20:26-28 Wherefore I take you to record this day, that I am pure from the blood of all men. For I have not shunned to declare unto you all the counsel of God. 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.

7. The Welcome of Friendship Is Extended - Rom. 14:1-3/Prov. 17:17; 18:24

Romans 14:1-3 Him that is weak in the faith receive ye, but not to doubtful disputations.....for God hath received him.

Proverbs 17:17 A friend loveth at all times, and a brother is born for adversity.

Proverbs 18:24 A man that hath friends must shew himself friendly: and there is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother.