

A Place to Belong: Why do I Need a Local Church? – Part 3

Because life is better together

Review:

We Need a Local Church because we need ...

1. **Accessibility** to our Spiritual Community
2. **Accountability** to those we Journey with
3. **Interdependency** to our Family
4. **Ministry** to the Body of Christ

All the believers were together and had everything in common. – Acts 2:44

There are things we can enjoy only in a Local Church, such as ...

5. **S** _____ in Unity – Strengthen one another
Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken. – Ecclesiastes 4:12

6. **L** _____ in Harmony – Live in peace/harmony
Then make me truly happy by agreeing wholeheartedly with each other, loving one another, and working together with one mind and purpose. – Philippians 2:2 (NLT)

How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity! – Psalm 133:1

7. **G** _____ in Maturity
 - Maturity and Reproduction is a Goal, NOT stagnancy and retardation.
...until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. – Ephesians 4:13

- We need other people. We cannot accomplish this without others.
But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. – Galatians 5:22-23

8. **F** _____ of our Destiny
and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless. – Ephesians 5:27

For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. – Ephesians 2:10

Imagine if ...

- Columbus had never reached America
- Noah had never built the ark
- Patton had never returned
- Abraham had never left Ur
- Moses had never said to Pharaoh, "Let My People Go."
- Reverend Shuck had never built a church in Sacramento

God is waiting for Y_____ to step out in faith and obedience.

The Church is God's new creation and design to Redeem, Revive, Refine, and Reunite with Christ.

Our Church's R's:

- R_____ who God is through Worship.
- R_____ to others in God's family with love and commitment. (Fellowship)
- R_____ to God's Word with others. (Discipleship)
- R_____ others to God. (Evangelism).
- R_____ God's image in us through Service.