

Sunday, May 4, 2025



Becoming A Healthy Church
What Is a Healthy Church?
Romans 12:3-8

Three Characteristics of a Healthy Church

1. Honest _____

2. Faithful _____

3. Individual _____

Study Guide

For the week of May 4, 2025

(Questions and Scriptures for further study)

Read Ephesians 2:11-16; 17-22.

What phrases does Paul use to describe what we were as non-Christians?

What do these phrases mean?

What two phrases does Paul use to describe our new state as Christians?

What does this teach us about what happens to us when we become Christians?

Given our new identity, should we Christians view ourselves as autonomous, independent individuals?

Why or why not?

Read 2 Corinthians 6:14-18.

List the different terms and images that Paul uses the church in relation to God.

This passage describes a special relationship between God and His people.

What obligations do the people of God have because of this special relationship to God?

Whose character are the people of God to represent?

What does this say about our desire to be autonomous?

Have you ever thought about how becoming a Christian means becoming part of a new people, the people of God? In light of the passages we have read, how should this truth change a) your relationship to other Christians, and b) your relationship to non-Christians?

If we better grasped this idea of being a people, how would that affect our interactions within the local church?

Once we grasp the fact that, as a church, we are the people of God, both an encouragement and a challenge follow. The encouragement comes from knowing that we're God's treasured possession, the people He has specifically loved and called to Himself.

Exodus 19:5

Romans 1:6

1 Peter 2:9

This is not because of any goodness in us, but because of His sheer grace.

Deuteronomy 7:7-8

2 Timothy 1:9

***Further, it means that God is committed to being our God.
He will be with us in the present and will one day bring us to live in perfect, face-to-face fellowship with Himself.***

Matthew 28:20

Hebrews 13:5

Revelation 21:3-4 and 22:4

On the other hand, the challenge of being the people of God comes from the fact that God calls us to submit, to obey, and to reflect His character to the world.

What are some specific ways that being part of the people of God encourages you?

Challenges you?

What personal needs has the Holy Spirit exposed during this study?

How can we pray with you about those needs?

***Consider memorizing
Romans 12:3.***

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