



THE TENETS OF A CHURCH IN THE WORLD

ABSTRACT

*Welcome to a church in the World! ² Where we
strive to share what God says and means ...*

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Scripture of the Day

Matthew 28:18 – 20

¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Introduction

¹ Welcome to a church in the World! ² Where we strive to share what God says and means from His Word without compromise. ³ Coaching disciples on their walk of Holy Spiritness. ⁴ Exhorting them through the difficulties they will encounter. ⁵ While basking in the supernatural joy of the Lord, now and forevermore.

As I mentioned last week, I slightly changed our introductory statement while in Liberia and gave a message detailing it. And I said I would give this message for the entire congregation in a week or two. Well, I decided on a week.

So let's get started, going through the "Tenets of a church in the World" ... **Let's pray**

Body

Tenet?

A **tenet** is a core belief, principle, or doctrine that a person, group, or organization holds to be true.

So what I am covering today are the core beliefs of a church in the World.

Welcome to a church in the World!

Church?

The first thing we always want to make clear to everyone. A church is not a building; it is a people.

1 Corinthians 1:16 – 17

¹⁶ Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? ¹⁷ If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy him. For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple.

Ephesians 2:19 – 22

¹⁹ So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, ²⁰ built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, ²¹ in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. ²² In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

Romans 16:3 – 5

³ Greet Prisca and Aquila, my fellow workers in Christ Jesus, ⁴ who risked their necks for my life, to whom not only I give thanks but all the churches of the Gentiles give thanks as well. ⁵ Greet also the church in their house.

The Greek word for “church” is the word “ekklesia” which means the “called out ones.” Some folks may think this is minor, but I believe it is more important than Christians realize.

In the World

We want all of the people who believe they are called to be part of this branch of Zion to understand the Lord called us to go out into the world.

Matthew 28:19 – 20

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Acts 1:8

⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

We were never supposed to be staying within 4 walls of a “church.” Because the church was never 4 walls to begin with. The church is a living breathing organism working together with everyone doing their part as unctoned (guided on) by the Holy Spirit doing everything for the glory of God.

Strive to share what God says and means from His Word

What do I mean about doing everything for the glory of God:

Matthew 5:16

¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

1 Corinthians 10:31

“Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.”

Isaiah 43:7

"Everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

We were made to glorify. In everything. But how do we know what is good and right to do, if we don't know what is good and right. The only way to know what is good and right is to know God's Word. And to know it for ourselves:

Strive

Colossians 3:23-24

"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters..."

No matter what the circumstances we are to do our best.

Share

Mark 16:15

"Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."

2 Corinthians 5:20 –

"We are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us."

Importance of God's Word

Matthew 4:4 – *"Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."*

Psalm 119:9 – *"How can a young man keep his way pure? By guarding it according to your word."*

Hosea 4:6 – *"My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge; because you have rejected knowledge, I reject you from being a priest to me."*

Acts 17:11 – *The Bereans "received the word with all eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see if these things were so."*

Romans 10:17 – *"Faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ."*

2 Timothy 3:16-17 – *"All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work."*

Coaching Holy Spiritness

Romans 8:14

“For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God.”

Galatians 5:16 -17

But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. [17] For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do.

John 16:13 ESV

When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come.

Exhortation in the Storm

2 Corinthians 1:3-5 CSB

[3] Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all comfort. [4] He comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any kind of affliction, through the comfort we ourselves receive from God. [5] For just as the sufferings of Christ overflow to us, so also through Christ our comfort overflows.

Ephesians 6:18 CSB

[18] Pray at all times in the Spirit with every prayer and request, and stay alert with all perseverance and intercession for all the saints.

The Joy of the Lord

Philippians 3:7-8 CSB

⁷ But everything that was a gain to me, I have considered to be a loss because of Christ. ⁸ More than that, I also consider everything to be a loss in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. Because of him I have suffered the loss of all things and consider them as dung, so that I may gain Christ

Psalms 16:11 CSB

¹¹ You reveal the path of life to me; in your presence is abundant joy; at your right hand are eternal pleasures.

Take Aways

All of this is so you can know Jesus. That you can have this abundant joy now and forever more.

I pray that God uses us as His instrument to do this for you.