

# **GOD'S DESIRE FOR RELATIONSHIP IN THE CHURCH**

# **Ephesians 4:23-33**

# Point : 1

The church is not about us .

# His body

*(Eph 5:23 NIV) "For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, **his body**, of which he is the Savior.*

# His body

*(Eph 1:22-23 NIV) And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, **which is his body**, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.*

# **Its not about us:**

- The church was God's idea from the start.
- The church is the wife of Jesus
- Jesus is the Head of the church
- Jesus loves the church

# You have heard it said...

- “Go to the church of your choice”
- “The church is irrelevant”
- “There are no good churches in the area”
- “I don’t go to church because I was hurt in the church”

## Point : 2

The church is like a family with Jesus as its head.



# The church & Christ

*(Eph 5:24 NIV) Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything.*

# God's household

*(1 Tim 3:15 NIV) if I am delayed, you will know how people ought to conduct themselves in God's household, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and foundation of the truth.*

# We belong to each other

*(Rom 12:4-5 NIV) Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.*

# Implications:

- Family members care for another
- When one member hurts we all hurt
- When one member rejoices we all rejoice.
- We learn to get along
- There is a connection that goes beyond relationship.

## Point : 3

The church is about transformation .

# To make her holy

*(Eph 5:26-27 NIV) to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless.*

# Sound doctrine

*(2 Tim 4:3-4 NIV) For the time will come when men will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths.*

# What would you say...

- Can you defend the Trinity?
- How do you know the Bible is true?
- Did Jesus Christ really exist?
- Did Jesus really die on the cross?



## Point : 4

The church is a mystery .

# Be Humble

*(Eph 5:32 NIV) This is a profound mystery--  
but I am talking about Christ and the church.*

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# Conclusion