

## Waste Your Life on The Church

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### What Not to Waste Your Life on:

1. Wrong people
2. Things you hate
3. Complaining
4. Worrying
5. Temporal things
6. Checking Your phone constantly
7. Your status
8. Picking pimples

Mark 14:3-4 NIV ~ “While he was in Bethany, reclining at the table in the home of Simon the Leper, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very expensive perfume, made of pure nard. She broke the jar and poured the perfume on his head. <sup>4</sup> Some of those present were saying indignantly to one another, “Why this waste of perfume?”

When Mary wasted her perfume on Jesus’ body, Jesus said it was good and wherever the gospel was preached, it was to be mentioned.

Why? It was her extreme love and devotion.

Where is that body on earth today?

Ephesians 1:22-23 NIV ~ “And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, <sup>23</sup> which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.”

1. Jesus has all authority
2. Jesus is the head of The Church
3. The Church is His Body
4. That Body is the full expression of Jesus in the earth

## **The Church is the present physical body of Jesus on earth**

Matthew 25:35-40 ESV ~ “For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, <sup>36</sup> I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.’ <sup>37</sup> Then the righteous will answer him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? <sup>38</sup> And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? <sup>39</sup> And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?’ <sup>40</sup> And the King will answer them, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.’”

## **What we say reveals how we esteem what Jesus gave His life for and is building**

- “ Forget the Church...I follow Jesus”
- “ You do not have to go to Church to be a Christian”
- “ I need to get plugged into a church”
- “ I need to drop in and get my Holy Ghost fix and some word”
- “ The Church is not relevant and old”
- “ The Church is full of hypocrites “
- “ The Church isn’t safe”
- “ The Church is too traditional”
- “ The Church is a hospital”
- “ The Church is exclusive”
- “ The Church is phobic “

Why Church?

1. The Church is where God dwells.

Ephesians 2:22 ESV ~ “In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.”

1 Corinthians 3:17 ESV ~ “If anyone destroys God’s temple, God will destroy him. For God’s temple is holy, and you are that temple.”

2. The Church is where God has placed each of us.

1 Corinthians 12:18 ESV ~ “But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose.”

3. The Church is where the gospel is demonstrated.

Ephesians 4:32 ESV ~ “Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.”

1 John 3:23 ESV ~ “And this is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us.”

4. The Church is where true spiritual authority resides.

Matthew 18:18 ESV ~ “Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.”

Ephesians 6:10-11 NKJV ~ “Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.”

5. The Church is where we affirm and reaffirm the faith that has been delivered to us.

1 Corinthians 11:26 ESV ~ “For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.”

1 Corinthians 10:16 ESV ~ “The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ?”

6. The Church is where we use our faith to bring hope, healing, and deliverance to others.

Mark 2:3-5 ESV ~ “And they came, bringing to him a paralytic carried by four men. <sup>4</sup> And when they could not get near him because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him, and when they had made an opening, they let down the bed on which the

paralytic lay. <sup>5</sup> And when Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, “Son, your sins are forgiven.”

7. The Church is where we encounter God through each other.

1 Corinthians 12:7 ESV ~ “To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.”

1 Corinthians 14:24-25 ESV ~ “But if all prophesy, and an unbeliever or outsider enters, he is convicted by all, he is called to account by all, <sup>25</sup> the secrets of his heart are disclosed, and so, falling on his face, he will worship God and declare that God is really among you.”