



## “The Christ Character Church”

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**Texts: I Timothy 3:15, I John 3:1-9, I John 4:17, II Corinthians 4:10-11, Ephesians 1:18-23, Ephesians 4:1-16**

As we move closer and closer to the return of the Lord Jesus Christ and the last days and end times of this natural earth and world the church of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ is demonstrating more and more lack of His true character and Godly life. In fact it seems more and more like people are failing to see the connection between the church and the divine life of Jesus and His divine nature that II Peter 1:4 says all believers are partakers of.

**II Peter 1:4 Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.**

**5: And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge;**

**6: And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness;**

**7: And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity.**(God’s divine Love found in I Corinthians 13)

**8: For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

**9: But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins.**

**10: Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall:**

**11: For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.**

The church, God’s people, and the world need the character of Jesus Christ, which is His divine nature, purity, and holiness of God. In fact I John 3:2-3 says we shall be like Him and purify ourselves the same as He is pure.

**I John 3:2 Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.**

**3: And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.**

**4: Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law.**

**5: And ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is no sin.**

**6: Whosoever abideth in him sinneth not: whosoever sinneth hath not seen him, neither known him.**

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**7: Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous.**

**8: He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.**

**9: Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God.**

**The Christ Character Church** has sincere people who practice living pure like Jesus is pure. It's getting harder and harder to find that in these last days. People are attending and involved in church with impure lives. Pure Christ Character marriages are becoming scarce and Pure Christ Character single people for future, marriages are becoming scarce also.

Look what the Apostle Paul tells Timothy about the church and what it really is.

**I Timothy 3:15 But if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth.**

Please note that the word church comes from the original Greek work **ek-klay-see-ah** and

means: a popular meeting, especially a religious congregation, or Christian community of members on earth or saints in heaven or both, called out, or summoned, assembly of the people for worship.

What's keeping **The Christ Character Church** from being manifested in its true God intended sense is lack of sound, biblical Christian doctrine teaching, and development to maturity, Christ likeness, and unity through sound, clear, accurate teaching. See Hosea 4:6.

The Apostle Paul did an extensive teaching in his Epistle letter to the saints in Ephesus in this very important and even vital area.

**Ephesians 4:1 I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called,**

Note vocation comes from the Greek word **klay-sis** and means: divine call from God, official summons.

**2: With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love;**

**3: Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.**

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**Christ Character** they can't endure, forbear, long suffer, walk in divine love and unity, and practice Faithfulness and commitment to the Pastor and Vision of the local church and support it wholeheartedly. They can't do what I Corinthians 15:58 says and remain steadfast. Their spiritual immaturity causes them to be selfish and incapable of staying where I Corinthians 12:18 says it pleased God to set them. The slightest offence causes them to be uprooted. See also Ecclesiastes 5:1-6 and Ecclesiastes 10:4.

Ephesians 4 continued.

**10: He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that he might fill all things.)**

**11: And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;**

**12: For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:**

Please note that the word **perfecting** comes from the original Greek word **katartismas** and means to prepare, equip, and outfit for any emergency or situation.

**The Christ Character Church** is matured and prepared for any attacks or attempts by the devil to stop its purpose and assignment

from God.

**13: Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:**

Please note that the word **perfect** comes from the original Greek word Tel-i-os and means: complete (in various applications of labour, growth, mental and moral character etc.) of full age or maturity, full grown in mind and understanding, in knowledge of the truth, in Christian Faith and virtue.

This **Christ Character Church** stable, strong, full of God's power and anointing for the gifts of the Spirit that I Corinthians 12 teaches. This is what enables it to do the work of the ministry and impact the lives of people and cause change and deliverance. Please note that the word **fullness** comes from the original Greek word **play-ro-mah** and means to be complete in the goal of Jesus' divine nature, perfection, in character, and attributes.

This was God's intention in giving the church (us) the fivefold ministry gifts of Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Pastors, and Teachers. When we are developed and matured in Christ likeness and unity we are supernaturally God capable to do supernatural God works,

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healings and miracles.

**14: That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;**

We've got to grow up and mature to the character and life of Jesus Christ our true head.

**15: But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ:**

**16: From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.**

As we strive and produce in unity **The Christ Character Church** we mature in our spiritual understanding and realize our true divine inheritance. We also realize and operate in the exceeding God ordained **divine power** that produces the healings, miracles, deliverances, and breakthroughs God has called, ordained, and set us apart to produce.

**Ephesians 1:18 The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye**

**may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints,**

**19: And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power,**

Please note that the word **power** comes from the original Greek word doonamis #1411 in the Strongs dictionary of the Greek language, and means: the power of God inherent in Christ, and lent to all His ambassadors and witnesses, glorious works, miraculous works, signs and wonders.

When we start producing and demonstrating **The Christ Character Church** we'll produce people that live, produce, and demonstrate the very divine life of Jesus in their mortal flesh body at all times, and do the works Jesus did and greater as John 14:12 states.

**II Corinthians 4:10 Always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body.**

**11: For we which live are always delivered unto death for Jesus' sake, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our mortal flesh.**

Look what Solomon, the wisest richest man

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ever in the bible says about how you should respect, submit, and yield yourself once you are set in the house of God or church God sets you in and has ordered your steps to according to I Corinthians 12:18, and Psalm 37:23. Notice his clear instructions about doing more hearing than talking to avoid being a fool. Notice what he clearly says about not saying you made an error coming to the house of God, as well keep yourself still and be steadfast and unmovable. The Apostle Paul also said be steadfast and unmovable in I Corinthians 15:58.

**Ecclesiastes 5:1 Keep thy foot when thou goest to the house of God, and be more ready to hear, than to give the sacrifice of fools: for they consider not that they do evil.**

So then, Solomon in his wisdom is saying it's evil to not keep yourself still, submit, and be taught. Next he warns about controlling your tongue. Then he indicates very strongly that you've actually made a vow to God when you connect to the vision of the local church.

**2: Be not rash with thy mouth, and let not thine heart be hasty to utter any thing before God: for God is in heaven, and thou upon earth: therefore let thy words be few.**

**3: For a dream cometh through the multitude of business; and a fool's voice is known by multitude of words.**

**4: When thou vowest a vow unto God, defer not to pay it; for he hath no pleasure in fools: pay that which thou hast vowed.**

In other words you've actually promised God, not just the Pastor that you will honor your vow of commitment to the vision.

**5: Better is it that thou shouldest not vow, than that thou shouldest vow and not pay.**

**6: Suffer not thy mouth to cause thy flesh to sin; neither say thou before the angel, that it was an error: wherefore should God be angry at thy voice, and destroy the work of thine hands?**

Please note that the word angel is synonymous with Pastor, because it comes from the original Hebrew word malawk, and means: messenger of God, prophet, priest, teacher, ambassador, king.

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