



# The Sanctity of The Church

## The Big Picture

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### The beauty of the church

**1 Corinthians 1:1** Paul, called as an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, and Sosthenes our brother,

<sup>2</sup> to the church of God which is at Corinth, to those who have been sanctified in Christ Jesus, saints by calling, with all who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, their *Lord* and ours...

**Ephesians 5:25** Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her;

<sup>26</sup> that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word,

<sup>27</sup> that He might present to Himself the church in all her glory, having no spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that she should be holy and blameless.

<sup>28</sup> So husbands ought also to love their own wives as their own bodies. He who loves his own wife loves himself;

<sup>29</sup> for no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ also *does* the church,

<sup>30</sup> because we are members of His body.

<sup>31</sup> For this cause a man shall leave his father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife; and the two shall become one flesh.

<sup>32</sup> This mystery is great; but I am speaking with reference to Christ and the church.

**2 Corinthians 11:27** *I have been* in labor and hardship, through many sleepless nights, in hunger and thirst, often without food, in cold and exposure.

<sup>28</sup> Apart from *such* external things, there is the daily pressure upon me *of* concern for all the churches.

### The beauty of movement

**2 Timothy 4:9** Make every effort to come to me soon;

<sup>10</sup> for Demas, having loved this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica; Crescens *has gone* to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia.

<sup>11</sup> Only Luke is with me. Pick up Mark and bring him with you, for he is useful to me for service.

<sup>12</sup> But Tychicus I have sent to Ephesus.

<sup>13</sup> When you come bring the cloak which I left at Troas with Carpus, and the books, especially the parchments.

<sup>14</sup> Alexander the coppersmith did me much harm; the Lord will repay him according to his deeds.

<sup>15</sup> Be on guard against him yourself, for he vigorously opposed our teaching.

<sup>16</sup> At my first defense no one supported me, but all deserted me; may it not be counted against them.

<sup>17</sup> But the Lord stood with me, and strengthened me, in order that through me the proclamation might be fully accomplished, and that all the Gentiles might hear; and I was delivered out of the lion's mouth.

<sup>18</sup> The Lord will deliver me from every evil deed, and will bring me safely to His heavenly kingdom; to Him *be* the glory forever and ever. Amen.

<sup>19</sup> Greet Prisca and Aquila, and the household of Onesiphorus.

<sup>20</sup> Erastus remained at Corinth, but Trophimus I left sick at Miletus.

<sup>21</sup> Make every effort to come before winter. Eubulus greets you, also Pudens and Linus and Claudia and all the brethren.

**Colossians 4:7** As to all my affairs, Tychicus, *our* beloved brother and faithful servant and fellow bond-servant in the Lord, will bring you information.

<sup>8</sup> For I have sent him to you for this very purpose, that you may know *about* our circumstances and that he may encourage your hearts;

<sup>9</sup> and with him Onesimus, *our* faithful and beloved brother, who is one of your *number*. They will inform you about the whole situation here.

<sup>10</sup> Aristarchus, my fellow prisoner, sends you his greetings; and *also* Barnabas' cousin Mark (about whom you received instructions: if he comes to you, welcome him);

<sup>11</sup> and *also* Jesus who is called Justus; these are the only fellow workers for the kingdom of God who are from the circumcision; and they have proved to be an encouragement to me.

<sup>12</sup> Epaphras, who is one of your number, a bonds slave of Jesus Christ, sends you his greetings, always laboring earnestly for you in his prayers, that you may stand perfect and fully assured in all the will of God.

<sup>13</sup> For I bear him witness that he has a deep concern for you and for those who are in Laodicea and Hierapolis.

<sup>14</sup> Luke, the beloved physician, sends you his greetings, and *also* Demas.

<sup>15</sup> Greet the brethren who are in Laodicea and also Nympha and the church that is in her house.

<sup>16</sup> And when this letter is read among you, have it also read in the church of the Laodiceans; and you, for your part read my letter *that is coming* from Laodicea.

<sup>17</sup> And say to Archippus, "Take heed to the ministry which you have received in the Lord, that you may fulfill it."

<sup>18</sup> I, Paul, write this greeting with my own hand. Remember my imprisonment. Grace be with you.

**Philippians 2:19** ...I hope in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you shortly, so that I also may be encouraged when I learn of your condition.

<sup>20</sup> For I have no one *else* of kindred spirit who will genuinely be concerned for your welfare.

<sup>21</sup> For they all seek after their own interests, not those of Christ Jesus.

<sup>22</sup> But you know of his proven worth that he served with me in the furtherance of the gospel like a child *serv*ing his father.

<sup>23</sup> Therefore I hope to send him immediately, as soon as I see how things *go* with me;

<sup>24</sup> and I trust in the Lord that I myself also shall be coming shortly.

<sup>25</sup> But I thought it necessary to send to you Epaphroditus, my brother and fellow worker and fellow soldier, who is also your messenger and minister to my need;

<sup>26</sup> because he was longing for you all and was distressed because you had heard that he was sick.

<sup>27</sup> For indeed he was sick to the point of death, but God had mercy on him, and not on him only but also on me, lest I should have sorrow upon sorrow.

<sup>28</sup> Therefore I have sent him all the more eagerly in order that when you see him again you may rejoice and I may be less concerned *about you*.

<sup>29</sup> Therefore receive him in the Lord with all joy, and hold men like him in high regard;

<sup>30</sup> because he came close to death for the work of Christ, risking his life to complete what was deficient in your service to me.

**Titus 3:12** When I send Artemas or Tychicus to you, make every effort to come to me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend the winter there.

<sup>13</sup> Diligently help Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their way so that nothing is lacking for them.

<sup>14</sup> And let our *people* also learn to engage in good deeds to meet pressing needs, that they may not be unfruitful.

<sup>15</sup> All who are with me greet you. Greet those who love us in *the* faith. Grace be with you all.

## The beauty of diversity

**Galatians 2:11** ...when Cephas came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he stood condemned.

<sup>12</sup> For prior to the coming of certain men from James, he used to eat with the Gentiles; but when they came, he *began* to withdraw and hold himself aloof, fearing the party of the circumcision.

<sup>13</sup> And the rest of the Jews joined him in hypocrisy, with the result that even Barnabas was carried away by their hypocrisy.

<sup>14</sup> But when I saw that they were not straightforward about the truth of the gospel, I said to Cephas in the presence of all, "If you, being a Jew, live like the Gentiles and not like the Jews, how *is it that* you compel the Gentiles to live like Jews?"

**Acts 15:35** ...Paul and Barnabas stayed in Antioch, teaching and preaching, with many others also, the word of the Lord.

<sup>36</sup> And after some days Paul said to Barnabas, "Let us return and visit the brethren in every city in which we proclaimed the word of the Lord, *and see* how they are."

<sup>37</sup> And Barnabas was desirous of taking John, called Mark, along with them also.

<sup>38</sup> But Paul kept insisting that they should not take him along who had deserted them in Pamphylia and had not gone with them to the work.

<sup>39</sup> And there arose such a sharp disagreement that they separated from one another, and Barnabas took Mark with him and sailed away to Cyprus.

<sup>40</sup> But Paul chose Silas and departed, being committed by the brethren to the grace of the Lord.

<sup>41</sup> And he was traveling through Syria and Cilicia, strengthening the churches.

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