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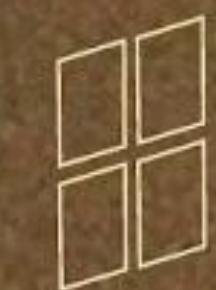


Reconstructing the Church

EPHESIANS 3:7-13



ἐκκλησία (ekklēsia)
called-out assembly church

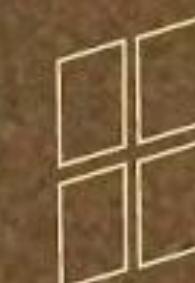




How the Church started
What the Church Is
How we can respond

Acts 1:8 ESV

“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.”



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Acts 2:4, 41 ESV

⁴ And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

⁴¹ So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

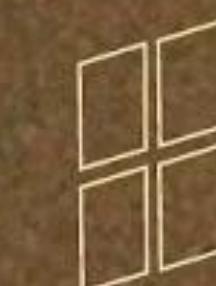


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Acts 5:3 ESV

But Peter said, “Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and to keep back for yourself part of the proceeds of the land?”



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Acts 6:1 ESV

Now in these days when the disciples were increasing in number, a complaint by the Hellenists arose against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution.



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1 Corinthians 5:1 ESV

It is actually reported that there is sexual immorality among you, and of a kind that is not tolerated even among pagans, for a man has his father's wife.



The Church has always had problems
because it's made up of sinful people.



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Ephesians 3:7 ESV

Of this gospel I was made a minister according to the gift of God's grace, which was given me by the working of his power.



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Ephesians 3:8-9 ESV

To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ,
⁹ and to bring to light for everyone what is **the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God**, who created all things...

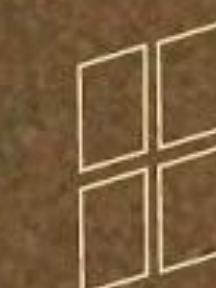


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Ephesians 3:6 ESV

This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

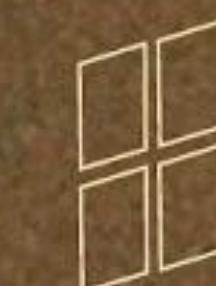


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Ephesians 3:10-12 ESV

so that **through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known** to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places.¹¹ This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord,¹² in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in him.



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Ephesians 3:13 ESV

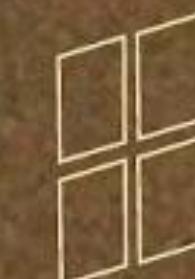
So I ask you **not to lose heart** over what I am
suffering for you, which is your glory.



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Ephesians 5:25-27 ESV

Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her,²⁶ that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word,²⁷ so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish.



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Ephesians 5:32 ESV

This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church.



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Value the church



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Value the church
Pray for the church



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Value the church

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Participate in the church



Don't give up on the church.

