

Sunday January 28th, 2018 – 10:30 am

SOLD - ON THE CHURCH

7 disappointing reasons people leave the church - By Rod Edmondson

1. B_____ out
2. I_____
3. D_____
4. L_____ change
5. M_____
6. P_____ struggle
7. L_____ of connection

What about people in the church who have lost the sense of joy, urgency, fellowship, spiritual feeding?

1. Just don't have T_____.
2. The church is full of H_____.
3. We haven't found a church that's R_____ for us.
4. I really should, B_____
5. The church is always after M_____
6. I already D_____ that!
7. The church is for C_____ people.
8. There are so many O_____ things to do.
9. You don't have to go to church to be a C_____.

Moving from Tragedy to Triumph

Ephesians 1: 22-23; 2: 2-10 - ²²And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, ²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

2: 2-10- ²in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— ³among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. ⁴But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, ⁵ even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— ⁶and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷ so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, ⁹ not a result of works,

so that no one may boast. ¹⁰ For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

I C_____ of the church

The true church is made up of all P_____ who have accepted God's

F_____ G_____ of S_____ by F_____.

II C_____ of the church

"I will build MY church; and the gates of Hades shall not overpower (prevail against) it."

J_____

"God gave Jesus as head over all things to the church, which is HIS B_____." Ephesians 1: 22-23

When are we the Body of Christ? A_____

This is a constant, ongoing C_____ between you and Jesus Christ.

III C_____ Encouragement

1. A_____ A_____ to God our Heavenly Father.

Ephesians 2: 18 - ¹⁸ For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father.

Psalms 55: 22 - **Cast your burden on the LORD, and he will sustain you; he will never permit the righteous to be moved**

2. A_____ C_____

Ephesians 2: 19 - **God will give ear and humble them, he who is enthroned from of old, Selah because they do not change and do not fear God.**

IV C_____

1. Your body is the only body you have to do the work of the Lord. Therefore, take care of it.

2. The church is the only Body God has to do the work of the Lord. Therefore, take care of Christ's Body.

V C_____

a. **Read Ephesians 2:10.** Why doesn't God take us to Heaven immediately after our salvation?

b. What is your response / reaction to Pastor Barry's 2 statements under the heading CARE?

c. Can you give a personal example from your own life of how another Christian showed himself / herself to be "amazing company" for you?