



“And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.” **Matthew 16:18**

“<sup>19</sup>You Gentiles are no longer strangers and foreigners. You are citizens with everyone else who belongs to the family of God. <sup>20</sup>You are like a building with the apostles and prophets as the foundation and with Christ as the most important stone. <sup>21</sup>Christ is the one who holds the building together and makes it grow into a holy temple for the Lord. <sup>22</sup>And you are part of that building Christ has built as a place for God’s own Spirit to live.” **Ephesians 2:19-22**

## The Church is...

### A Healthy Church...

1. Goes and Shares **God’s Word with all people.**

Acts 11:19-21

### A Truth to Remember

God is responsible for changing lives. We are responsible for sharing how lives can be changed.

2. Grows and Cares **about spiritual maturity.**

“When he arrived and saw the **evidence** of the grace of God...” v. 23

- We all need power to live on  
“...a great number of people **believed** and turned to the Lord.” v. 21
- We all need people to live with  
“So, for a whole year **Barnabus** and **Saul** met with the church...” v. 26
- We all need principles to by  
“...and **taught** great numbers of people.” v. 26; Psalm 119:105
- We all need plan to live out.  
Acts 13:1-3; Eph. 2:10
- We all need purpose to live for.  
Acts 13:1-3

### **The result of us living out our spiritual maturity**

“The disciples were called **Christians** first at Antioch.”

Acts 11:26

### 3. Gives and glows according to their ability & sacrifice.

“The disciples, **as each one was able**, decided to provide help for the believers living in Judea.” Acts 11:29

What do I have to give to God?

How much am I supposed to give? (Mark 12:41-44; 2 Cor. 9:7)

**What do people know about God because of ME?**