

What kind of Church ought we to be?

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Introduction

1. Philippians
2. We study the New Testament to find out what we ought to be.
3. We study the New Testament to find out what kind of church we ought to be.
4. We find that God was displeased with individuals and some churches and He was pleased with some individuals and some churches too.
5. We want to study the book of Philippians to find out what kind of church ought we to be.

II Discussion

1. We ought to be an organized church Philippians 1:1
 1. Saints, set apart for holy use 1 Corinthians 1:2; 2 Corinthians 6:17; 2 Thessalonians 1:10
 2. Bishops, Elders, Titus 1:5, 7; 1 Timothy 3:1
 3. Deacons 1 Timothy 3:8-13
2. We ought to be steady Philippians 1:25-27
 1. Conversation, a way of life
 2. Standfast 1 Corinthians 1:10
 3. Striving - fighting - exerting the energy for something Philippians 4:3, 13; Jude 3; Colossians 1:29
3. We ought to be a loving church Philippians 2:1-11
 1. Love ought to cause us to work for one another. Galatians 5:6, 13
 2. John 13:34-35 Love is the difference in Christians
4. We ought to be a working church Philippians 2:12-16
 1. We will appear before Christ for the things that we have done 2 Corinthians 5:10; Matthew 7:25
 2. We must be steadfast in our work Revelation 2:10
 3. We will have the right to heaven Revelation 22:14
5. We ought to be a church that is united Philippians 3:15-21
 1. We are to walk by the same rule Matthew 28:18; 1 Corinthians 1:10
 2. That rule was given by the Holy Spirit John 14:26
 3. That rule is not by our own interpretation 2 Peter 1:20-21
 4. We can speak as the oracles of God 1 Peter 4:11
6. We ought to be a giving church Philippians 4:15
 1. Background of the church Acts 16:9-10
 2. Background for their giving 2 Corinthians 8:1-5
 3. We are stewards of all that we have 1 Corinthians 4:2 Are we faithful stewards?

III Conclusion

1. Here is the church that we ought to be imitating
2. They were organized, steady, loving, working, united and giving church
3. Revelation 2-3 there are churches that Christ was not pleased with and thus were told to repent or else!
4. What would He tell us as a Church to do?
5. The church goes as the individual goes. Maybe we need to repent as individuals first so that we can be the kind of church that God would have us to be

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