

The Church

Message 1: Is Devoted

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Ephesians 1:18-23

¹⁸*I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, ¹⁹and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is like the working of his mighty strength, ²⁰which he exerted in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, ²¹far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every title that can be given, not only in the present age but also in the one to come.*

²²*And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way. (NIV)*

Acts 2:42-47

⁴²*They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. ⁴³Everyone was filled with awe, and many wonders and miraculous signs were done by the apostles. ⁴⁴All the believers were together and had everything in common. ⁴⁵Selling their possessions and goods, they gave to anyone as he had need. ⁴⁶Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved. (NIV)*



- The Church must be Devoted to Relationship with God
- The Church must be Devoted to Relationship with Each Other

1. Our relationship must be real or authentic.

2. Our relationship must be truthful.

Proverbs 27:6

Wounds from a friend can be trusted, but an enemy multiplies kisses. (NIV)

3. Our relationship must have God at the center.

Proverbs 18:24

A man of many companions may come to ruin, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother. (NIV)

