

NEW - PART 7: NEW PEOPLE

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CORE TRUTH:

As a follower of Jesus, you are transformed
into a NEW person to be a NEW people, the Church!

Genesis 1:26 "Let US make man in OUR image...."

Genesis 2:18 "Was NOT good for man to be alone...."

1 Corinthians 1:10 (NLT) I appeal to you, dear brothers and sisters, by the authority of our Lord Jesus Christ, to live in harmony with each other. Let there be no divisions in the church. Rather, be of one mind, united in thought and purpose.

Acts 2:42-47 (NLT) The Church is birthed...believers form COMMUNITY, together to...

KNOW Jesus Personally.

Am I IN the WORD?

Am I IN WORSHIP?

Am I IN a daily Quiet Time?

@RPC: Am I actively participating in the weekly worship service?

GROW in Biblical Community.

Am I A.L.L. in?

Application of God's Word

Loving Relationships

Living Generously

@RPC: Am I actively involved in a Home Group?

GO Live Generously!

Am I SHARING in the responsibility of my church?

Am I SUPPORTING the life of my church?

Am I SHOWING others The Way?

@RPC: Am I generous with my Time, Talent, Treasure and Testimony?

Philippians 3:7-10

"...everything else is worthless when compared with the infinite value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord!"

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SHARPEN THE POINT

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For further study of today's message

ENTRY POINT: The word "church" is the translation of a Greek word (ecclesia) which means an assembly, and denotes, in the New Testament, the whole body of believers in Christ. Read **I Corinthians, Chapter 12**, and prayerfully consider why you need to be in community with other Christians, and what your responsibility is, *according to Scripture*, as part of that community.

Do you believe that God created you for His own, specific purpose? ("You saw me before I was born. Every day of my life was recorded in your book. Every moment was laid out before a single day had passed." **Psalms 139:16.**) How do you seek to know what His purpose is for your life? How do you know if you have found it?

Each of us has been given God's provision of time, talent and treasure, *in varying measure*. By His design, we do not all have the same gifts. If we did, we would not need each other and that would be contrary to God's plan – **one body, many parts**. Do you complain about what you do not have, or gratefully and generously honor Him with what you do have?

Consider this idea: "You can give without loving, but you can't love without giving." What ability, passion or experience do you have that could be better used to glorify God today? How do you lavish the grace of God on others?

*"...we will hold to the truth in love,
becoming more and more in every way like Christ,
who is the head of his body, the church."*

Ephesians 4:15 (NLT)