

# The Church from God's Perspective

## Celebration of our 15th Anniversary in our Building

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## 1 Church or Building

### Our Building

- **We are grateful for it**

A building is not:

the House of God  
the Church  
the Anointing

Those are superstitions, OT Ideas

- **God dwells in the congregation**

We are the temple of the Holy Spirit **1Cor.3:16, 6:19**

Individually - Each person is a messenger - What is the message?  
Collectively

**1Pet.2:9-10**

**Church = Gk. ecclesia = called out**

- **Not a social worldly club**

**Jn.15:18-19** - The world hates you

The Bible is already considered hate literature by lesbians and homosexuals

- **A Clear meaning**

Called out of this world

**2Cor.6:16** - What agreement has the temple of God with idols?

**1Pet2:11-12** - pilgrims, honorable conduct

In the World but not of it - **Jn.17:18-19**:

**1Jn.2:16** - all that is in the world: lust of the flesh, lust of eyes, pride of life

- **A Strong Meaning**

**Mt.16:18** - Gates of Hell shall not prevail

It starts with our purpose and view of life

We are pilgrims

Disciples of Jesus Christ

Not loving the World

Dealing with sin in our life - **1Jn.1:5-10**

Destroying the works of the devil - **Acts 10:38**

Sin

Sickness

Exposing sin - **1Jn,3:8-9**

### Purpose

- **Grow into**
- **Eph.4**

Ministry gifts

Come to the unity of the faith

Speaking the truth - not hypocrisy

Unity is fundamental

Unity is not just getting along

Unity of the faith

## 2 Benefits

### Salvation

- **All Promises are yours**

**2Cor.1:20** - Conditional to being in Him

- **Forgiveness, Healing, Peace,**
- **Freedom, Not Fear**

## 3 Your Action Steps

### Take your part

- **Seeking the Holy Spirit**

More than the gifts - the fruits

Understanding about them

Jesus today would not be considered very loving when He turned the tables of the money changers

The Spirit of Truth

deal with self-deception coming from your desires - **Jam.1:14-17**

be open to correction

Don't blaspheme the Holy Spirit - **Mk.3:29**

- **Separation from the world**

Lust of the flesh

Lust of the eyes

Pride of life

**Jam.4:1-6**

**Jam.3:13-17**

Leaving selfish ambition

Willing to yield = easy to convince

Not compromising

- **Unity of the Spirit**

Unity of faith

We believe the same thing because we are open to the same Holy Spirit

Not what is comfortable, politically correct

- **Edification of the church**

What is your contribution to the edification of the church?

## Questions to Consider

1. What is the meaning and the implication that God dwells in us individually and collectively? To what extent is that true?
2. Why is the traditional view of the church not scriptural? How did this view originate? How can we correct this problem?
3. How can we recognize a church that follows Jesus' instructions?
4. Will such a church be popular? Why?
5. What kind of responses will such a church produce? What kind of results?
6. How should we apply Mt.16:18?
7. How does Eph.4 help us?
8. Why it is important to be properly integrated in the church?
9. What can we do in our life and collectively to follow Biblical instructions?
10. How can we distinguish between religious bondage and spiritual life?