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The Church: Identity & Involvement (Who I Am; What I Do)

Introductory Statement: Our Lord JESUS established HIS Church upon the revelation of HIS full identity within the hearts of men and women. He declared that HE would build this living organism and that no opposition from HIS enemies would prevail against this church.

Summary Points:

- Who/What is the Church?
- Who I am in the Church?
- Where do I fit within the Church?
- How do I become...within the Church?
- Where do I fit within the Church?
- What is required of me as a member of the Church?

Objectives: During our study we will examine the significance of being the ekklesia – called out from and unto assembly...the church through the Apostle Paul's letter to believers (at Ephesus).

The Warmup (Review)

THE REVELATION OF JESUS, THE CHRIST, IS THE FOUNDATION OF THE CHURCH

1. JESUS builds his community of “called out from, to...” individuals with those to whom HE is revealed as the Anointed Son of GOD? (Matthew 16:13-18 NLT)
 - a. Instruction and Education can come from individuals, but Revelation comes from GOD.
(apokalupto' – uncover; bring to light; make plain; lay open what is hidden...veiled...obstructed)



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- b. JESUS calls out, to HIMself, those who are drawn, to HIM, by the FATHER (*John 6:44 AMPC*)
 - c. The FATHER draws individuals with actions of faithfulness & loving-kindness (*Jeremiah 31:3 AMPC*)
 - i. The FATHER sent HIS SON JESUS (*John 3:16-17; 6:40 AMPC*)
 - ii. HE sends individuals with the Good News of Salvation and The Kingdom of GOD. (*Romans 10:14-17 NLT*)
2. These 'called out from and to' individuals form a victorious, triumphant entity
- a. The gates of hell will not prevail against what HE builds (*Matthew 16:18-19 AMPC*)
 - b. Those who are born of GOD are victorious over the world (*1 John 5:4-5 AMPC*)
 - c. GOD always leads us in a triumphant procession (*2 Corinthians 2:14 AMPC*)

THE WORKOUT

THE PURPOSES FOR THE ASSEMBLED CHURCH (AND THE INDIVIDUALS WHO COMPRISE THIS ENTITY) ARE MADE CLEAR THROUGH IT'S REVEALED IDENTITY IN CHRIST

1. Who are these "called out from and to" individuals at Ephesus?
 - a. GOD's Holy People (*Ephesians 1:1 NLT*)
 - b. Faithful Followers
 - c. United with CHRIST (*Ephesians 1:3 NLT*)
 - d. Loved (*Ephesians 1:4 NLT*)
 - e. Chosen



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- f. Blameless
 - g. GOD's Rich & Glorious Inheritance
 - h. CHRIST's Body (*Ephesians 1:23 NLT*)
 - i. Examples of GOD's Wealth of Grace and Kindness (*Ephesians 2:7 NLT*)
 - j. GOD's Masterpiece (*Ephesians 2:10 NLT*)
 - k. Citizens of HIS Kingdom (*Ephesians 2:19 NLT*)
 - l. GOD's House/Holy Temple (*Ephesians 2:20 NLT*)
 - m. Joined together in CHRIST (*Ephesians 2:21 NLT*)
 - n. Display of HIS Rich Variety of Wisdom (*Ephesians 3:10 NLT*)
2. What do these "called out from and to..." individuals have?
- a. Every Spiritual Blessing in the Heavenly Realms (*Ephesians 1:3 NLT*)
 - b. Family (*Ephesians 1:5 NLT*)
 - c. Glorious Grace (*Ephesians 1:6 NLT*)
 - d. Freedom (*Ephesians 1:7 NLT*)
 - e. Forgiveness
 - f. Kindness (*Ephesians 1:8 NLT*)
 - g. Wisdom & Understanding
 - h. Revelation of HIS Will concerning CHRIST (*Ephesians 1:9 NLT*)
 - i. Unity with CHRIST (*Ephesians 1:11 NLT*)
 - j. Inheritance from GOD
 - k. Success
 - l. HOLY SPIRIT's Presence (*Ephesians 1:13-14 NLT*)



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- m. Strong Faith (*Ephesians 1:15 NLT*)
- n. Love for GOD's people
- o. Confident Hope (*Ephesians 1:18 NLT*)
- p. GOD's power at work for you (*Ephesians 1:19 NLT*)
- q. Fullness & Completeness by CHRIST (*Ephesians 1:23 NLT*)
- r. Life (*Ephesians 2:4 NLT*)
- s. Raised from Death & Seated with CHRIST in the Heavenly Realms (*Ephesians 2:6 NLT*)
- t. Salvation by Grace, through Faith (*Ephesians 2:8 NLT*)
- u. Peace (*Ephesians 2:14 NLT*)
- v. Bold, Confident Access into GOD's Presence (*Ephesians 3:12 NLT*)

THE REVEALED IDENTITY LEADS THE "CALLED OUT FROM AND TO..." ONES TO ACTIVE INVOLVEMENT IN GOD'S REVEALED PURPOSES

1. Live (Lead) a life worthy of your calling (*Ephesians 4:1-2*)
 - a. Be humble and gentle
 - b. Be patient
 - c. Because of Love, make allowance for others' faults through love
 - d. Maintain unity with peace (*Ephesians 4:3 NLT*)
2. Don't live life as Unbelievers who do not know JESUS CHRIST
 - a. Hopeless confusion (*Ephesians 4:17 NLT*)
 - b. Closed minds, Hardened hearts against GOD, Darkness-filled minds (*Eph 4:18*)
 - c. No sense of shame
 - d. Practice living impure lives of lustful pleasure (*Eph 4:19 NLT*)



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- 3. Remove the clothing which covered the former person you were and put on the new (*Ephesians 4:22; 5:3-10, NLT*)

OLD	NEW
Lust & Deception	Righteousness & Holiness
Telling Lies	Speak Truth
Uncontrolled Anger	Dispute Resolution
Stealing	Hard Work & Generous Giving
Foul & Abusive Language	Good, Helpful, Encouraging Words
Bitterness, Rage, Anger, Harsh Words, Slander, Evil Behavior	Kindness, Tenderhearted, Forgiveness
Sexual Immorality, Impurity, Greed, Obscene Stories, Foolish Talk, Coarse Jokes	Thankfulness to GOD
Idolatry	Worship GOD
Darkness	Light
Foolishness	Wisdom
Thoughtless living	Understand GOD's Will & Plan
Drunk With Wine	Filled With the Holy Spirit

- 4. Imitate GOD in Everything you do.
 - a. Live a life filled with love
 - b. Follow CHRIST's example of sacrificial living
 - c. Carefully determine what pleases the LORD



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LIVING THE 'CALLED OUT FROM AND TO...' LIFE CAN'T BE DONE IN ISOLATION

1. We must use the gifts that JESUS has given (Ephesians 4:11 NLT)
 - a. Apostles
 - b. Prophets
 - c. Evangelists
 - d. Pastors
 - e. Teachers

2. Gifts are given to responsibly equip the 'called out from and to...' ones to do HIS work and build up this assembled group (*Ephesians 4:12 -13 NLT*)
 - a. These gifts have the responsibility to mature the 'called out from and to...' assembled group and bring them into unity of faith
 - b. These ministry gifts build the body so that it measures up to the full and complete standard of CHRIST

The Cool Down

- Are you one of the called from and to...individuals?
- Do you have a revelation of JESUS the CHRIST as the SON of GOD who has come to be your Savior and Lord?
- Have you confessed JESUS as your personal Lord and Savior?
- Do you know that...
 - you Belong in the Family of GOD
 - where you Belong in the Family
 - GOD wants/has Better for you in HIS SON, JESUS the CHRIST
 - GOD has everything that you need eternally, right here, right now
- Is the HOLY SPIRIT moving in your heart now?
- Are you ready to decide about your past, present, and future?