

A Healthy Church Balances the Five Purposes

Every church needs to grow warmer through fellowship, deeper through discipleship, stronger through worship, broader through ministry, and larger through evangelism.

These five purposes of the church are commanded by Jesus in the Great Commandment and Great Commission, explained by Paul in **Ephesians 4**, described in Jesus' prayer for the church in **John 17**, and modeled by the first church in Jerusalem.

In Acts 2:42-47 these five facets of health are mentioned: They fellowshipped, edified each other, worshipped, ministered, and evangelized. As a result, verse 47 says, "And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved."

The Five Dimensions of a Healthy Church

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Church growth is the natural result of church health. But church health can only occur when our message is biblical and our mission is balanced. Each of the five New Testament purposes of the church must be in equilibrium with the others for health to occur. Now this is important: Because we are imperfect beings, balance in a church does not occur naturally!

In fact, we must continually correct imbalance. It's human nature to overemphasize the purpose of the church we feel most passionate about.

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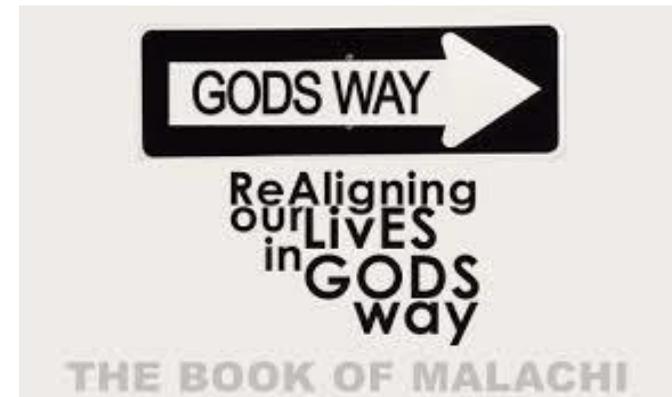
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Wonderful Wednesday In The Word



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2017 Church Theme
Jesus Christ Only and Always

And I, brethren, when I came to you, came not with Excellency of speech or of wisdom, declaring unto you the testimony of God. For I determined not to know anything among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified. – First Corinthians 2:1-2

The Book of Malachi

Dishonoring God's Name – 1:6-2:9

Each of the many names of God describes a different aspect of His many-faceted character. Here are some of the better-known names of God in the Bible:

YHWH / YAHWEH / JEHOVAH [yah-way / ji-hoh-veh]: _____

ELOHIM [el-oh-heem]: _____

EL SHADDAI [el-shah-dahy]: _____

ADONAI [ˌædɒˈnaɪ; ah-daw-nahy]: _____

YAHWEH-JIREH [yah-way-ji-reh]: _____

YAHWEH-RAPHA [yah-way-raw-faw]: _____

YAHWEH-NISSI [yah-way-nee-see]: _____

YAHWEH-M'KADDESH [yah-way-meh-kad-esh]: _____

YAHWEH-SHALOM [yah-way-shah-lohm]: _____

YAHWEH-ELOHIM [yah-way-el-oh-him]: _____

YAHWEH-TSIDKENU [yah-way-tzid-kay-noo]: _____

YAHWEH-ROHI [yah-way-roh-hee]: _____

YAHWEH-SHAMMAH [yah-way-sham-mahw]: _____

YAHWEH-SABAOTH [yah-way-sah-bah-ohth]: _____

EL ELYON [el-el-yohn]: _____

EL ROI [el-roh-ee]: _____

EL-OLAM [el-oh-lahm]: _____

EL-GIBHOR [el-ghee-bohr]: _____

Priests, Prophets, Judges and their roles

Offering Defiled Sacrifices – Malachi 1:6-14

Despising Divine Privileges – Malachi 2:1-9

What might God refer to today as “unacceptable Worship”?