

# Seeing More of Christ in the Church

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## Introduction:

**Matthew 7:22** Many will say to Me on that day, "Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name perform many miracles?" **23** And then I will declare to them, "I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness."

## If you love Christ, you love His Church

**Ephesians 4:16** from whom the whole body, being fitted and held together by what every joint supplies, according to the proper working of each individual part, causes the growth of the body for the building up of itself in love.

## 1 Seeing Christ through a unanimous eldership and \_\_\_\_\_ membership

**John 17:22** The glory which You have given Me I have given to them, that they may be one, just as We are one.

**Philippians 2:2** Make my joy complete by being of the same mind, maintaining the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose.

**Ephesians 4:3** Being diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

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## 2 Seeing Christ through \_\_\_\_\_ your giftedness

**1 Peter 4:10–11** As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. **11** Whoever speaks, is to do so as one who is speaking the utterances of God; whoever serves is to do so as one who is serving by the strength which God supplies; so that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belongs the glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

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## 3 See Christ in \_\_\_\_\_ toward each other in community

**Ephesians 4:32** Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other.

**Ephesians 5:21** Be subject to one another in the fear of Christ.

**Philippians 2:3** Regard one another as more important than yourselves.

**1 Thessalonians 5:13** Live in peace with one another.

**Hebrews 3:13** Encourage one another day after day.

**1 Thessalonians 3:12** Increase and abound in love for one another, and ...for all people.

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#### 4 See Christ in a heart for the \_\_\_\_\_ locally and internationally

**Philippians 1:27** Only conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ.

**1 Timothy 2:3** This is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, **4** who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

**2 Peter 3:9** The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance.

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#### 5 See Christ in the \_\_\_\_\_ of His gathered children

**Romans 12:1** Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship.

**1 Corinthians 16:2** On the first day of every week each one of you is to put aside and save, as he may prosper, so that no collections be made when I come.

**2 Corinthians 9:6** Now this I say, he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. **7** Each one must do just as he has purposed in his heart, not grudgingly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

**1 Corinthians 11:26** For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

**Hebrews 13:15** Through Him then, let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that give thanks to His name.

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#### 6 See Christ in the \_\_\_\_\_ of the saints and training of ministers

**Ephesians 4:11** And He gave some ...as pastors and teachers, **12** for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ; **13** until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ.

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**A**        for Christ as we gather together for Worship

**B**        for Christ speaking to you through His Word and through His bride

**C**        His perfect design for His Church and love our imperfect expression as a Church

**D**        for intimacy with Christ through His Church

**John 17:3** This is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.

#### QUESTIONS FOR GROWTH IN CHRIST

1. What is the non-Christian's view of an independent Bible church like FBC—what do they say about us?
2. What is the untaught Christian's view of an independent Bible church like FBC?
3. Why do so many people lack a biblical understanding of the local church?
4. Why are some Bible church attenders inconsistent in their weekly attendance, poor in their giving, and shallow in their worship?
5. What does it take for a believer to truly be interconnected and interrelated to a sound local church?
6. How does each step of church life show more of Christ?
7. What steps will you take this week to become a more biblical, functioning member of Faith Bible Church?

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