

THE REAL
CHURCH



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INTRODUCTION — The Church That Lost Its Identity

Ask ten people what “church” means, and you’ll hear ten answers:

A building, a denomination, a stage, a business, a livestream.

But none of that is what Jesus built.

Matthew 16:18

*And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter,
and upon this rock I will build my church; and
the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.*

Christ’s Church isn’t made of wood, stone, or screens — it’s made of *people*.

Born-again believers joined together to glorify God, preach the Gospel, and strengthen one another in truth.

Over time, man replaced that simple design with ceremony, status, and spectacle.

But the blueprint hasn’t changed — God’s plan for His Church still stands.

CHAPTER 1 — The Builder and the Blueprint

The Church belongs to Jesus Christ alone.

He founded it, purchased it with His blood, and still leads it today.

Acts 20:28

Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.

He didn't hand it to committees or corporations.

He built it on a confession — *“Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.”*

The Church is not a democracy; it's a theocracy.

Christ is the Head, and the Word is the blueprint.

Colossians 1:18

And he is the head of the body, the church.

If the head is Christ, no man can claim His throne — not a pope, not a prophet, not a pastor.

CHAPTER 2 — The Body, Not the Building

The early believers didn't gather to be entertained; they gathered to be edified.

Acts 2:46-47

And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart, 47 Praising God, and having favour with all the people.

The Church is a living body made up of many members, each one necessary.

1 Corinthians 12:27

Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular.

That means church isn't a show you attend — it's a family you serve.

It's not about seating capacity; it's about sending capacity.

Every believer has a place, a purpose, and a part in the work.

CHAPTER 3 — The Mission: Souls and Truth

Jesus gave His Church one clear job: preach the Gospel to every creature.

Mark 16:15

*Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel
to every creature.*

Everything else — buildings, budgets, programs — is secondary.

The Church is meant to be a lighthouse in darkness, not a spotlight for performers.

Its mission is **souls and truth**, not success and trends.

When churches chase relevance instead of righteousness, they lose both.

A church that stops winning souls stops being a church — it becomes a club.

CHAPTER 4 — The Corruption of The Modern Church

The Church didn't fail because God changed — it failed because men did.

2 Timothy 4:3-4

For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; 4 And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.

Today, many pulpits trade Scripture for stories, holiness for hype, and doctrine for drama.

Music replaced messages.

Programs replaced preaching.

Entertainment replaced evangelism.

That's not revival — that's rot.

The Real Church doesn't tickle ears; it pierces hearts.

CHAPTER 5 — The Marks of a Real Church

How can you tell if a church follows God’s design? The Bible gives the pattern:

1. **Sound Doctrine** — It preaches the Word without compromise. (2 Timothy 4:2)
2. **Pure Gospel** — Salvation by grace through faith, not works. (Ephesians 2:8-9)
3. **Bold Soul Winning** — Actively reaching the lost. (Proverbs 11:30)
4. **Separation from the World** — Different in values and practice. (Romans 12:2)
5. **Brotherly Love** — Real unity built on truth, not tolerance. (John 13:35)

If any of those are missing, something’s broken.

A church without truth isn’t loving; it’s lying.

CHAPTER 6 — The Real Church Still Exists

Even in apostasy, God always preserves a remnant.

There are still churches that hold the King James Bible, preach the Gospel faithfully, and refuse to bow to the world.

Revelation 3:8

I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name.

They may be small, mocked, or ignored — but they're real.

They stand where others fall.

They live for God's approval, not man's applause.

You don't need a megachurch to find God; you just need a Bible church that still believes Him.

CHAPTER 7 — Be the Church

The Church isn't something you *go to* once a week — it's who you *are* every day.

Matthew 5:14

Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid.

When believers live boldly, the Church shines brightly.

When we compromise, the light dims.

You can't reform every institution, but you can *be* the example — faithful, truthful, unashamed.

Don't wait for the Church to change.

Be the change.

Read the Word. Win souls. Stand strong. Serve others.

That's what the Real Church looks like.

CONCLUSION — The Real Church in One Sentence

It is the body of believers purchased by Christ, built on His Word, united by truth, and called to shine in a dark world until He returns.

The Real Church isn't perfect — but it's powerful because its foundation is. It stands not on personality or performance, but on the unchanging promises of God.

Every true church that lifts up Jesus Christ and preaches His Word without compromise carries the same authority that shook Jerusalem in Acts 2. That same Spirit still works through small congregations, street preachers, and faithful families who refuse to bow to the spirit of the age.

Hebrews 10:23-25

Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;) 24 And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: 25 Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.

The Real Church doesn't hide from the world — it engages it with truth.

It doesn't adapt to darkness — it pierces it with light.

Every believer has a place in that mission: to reach the lost, strengthen the saved, and glorify the Savior.

Philippians 2:15-16

That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world; 16 Holding forth the word of life.

So if you've been disillusioned by religion, don't give up on the Church — find the one Christ is still building.

A church where the Bible is the final authority, salvation is by faith alone, and holiness still matters.

Those churches may be few, but they're faithful.

They are the lamps that keep burning when everything else goes dark.

Until Jesus comes, the Real Church will keep doing what He told it to do:

Preach the Word. Win the lost. Stand firm. Shine bright.

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Bold.

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From left to right: Taylor Tapp, Emma Tapp, Joshua Tapp, Pamela Tapp, Abigail Tapp, Callie Tapp.

Pastor Joshua Tapp saw his wife, Pamela, for the first time in early August of 1996. They have been together since August 14, 1996. They were both 16 years old at the time. They had their first child, Callie, in 2008. Taylor was born in 2011. Emma in 2016. And Abigail in 2021. We thank God for all that He gives us. We love you God. We thank you for all things.