

Are You Thankful for the Church?

In the letters to the churches of Rome, Corinth, Colossi and Philippi, the Apostle Paul expressed his deep gratitude for those congregations. He was thankful for their faithfulness, fellowship and spiritual growth. Even though these groups of Christians struggled with temptation and sin, Paul appreciated his relationship with the church.

Can we say the same about ourselves? Are we thankful for the church? If so, how do we express our appreciation? Here are a few ways and reasons we should be eternally grateful for this great institution:

- Jesus Christ Died for the Church - Acts 20:28; Eph. 5:24-25
- The Benefit of a Spiritual Family – Eph. 3:14-15
- Love for One Another is Found in the Church – 1 Peter 1:22
- Forgiveness is Found in Church Fellowship – 1 John 1:7
- Gratitude Shown by Consistent Fellowship - Acts 2:42
- Physical Needs are Met Thru the Church - Acts 4:34
- Peace and Harmony is Found in the Church - Rom. 15:5
- One Can be Worry-Free in the Church – Phil. 4:6-7
- Our Thankfulness is Shown by Giving – 2 Cor. 9:6-8
- Spiritual Support is Found in the Church – James 5:13-16
- Good Works Come from the Church – Eph. 2:10
- Christ is the Savior of the Church – Eph. 5:23

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