

INVESTIGATING CHRISTIANITY

Message #5---“What Is A Church?”

Bad news: We have all been defiled by _____

Good news: We have a _____, and His name is _____

A church is not a place we _____, or a _____.

The church is _____!

What identifies a church? What are the timeless things that make a group of people a church?

1. The Church revolves around the _____

2. The administration of the _____

A) Communion takes place when we share the _____ and _____ of Christ.

1 Corinthians 10:17 (NIV) *“Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf.”*

B) Baptism is a picture of our _____ with Christ, as well as our _____ with Him.

3. The genuine _____ that characterizes the family of believers

Romans 12:5 (NIV) *“In Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.”*

True community is described by the word “_____.”

Acts 2:42 (NIV) *“They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.”*

Philippians 2:1,2 (NIV) *“If you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any fellowship with the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose.”*

Christian community demands _____.

When we are the Church as Christ commands us to be, _____ change and so does the world around us.

We have been saved from _____, but we have also been saved to something, and that is the _____ of Jesus Christ. And that will translate into _____ that will speak loud and clear that something has taken place in our lives, and we are not the same.

Luke 4:18,19 (NIV) *“The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”*