

# WHAT CHURCH LOOKS LIKE TO GOD!

## The Church (Ekklesia) are the “Called Out Ones”

**X** 1 Peter 2:9 (NKJV)

⁹But you *are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who **called you out** of darkness into His marvelous light;

## Every Nation & Tribe

**X** Revelation 7:9-10 (NKJV)

⁹After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could number, **of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues**, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, with palm branches in their hands, <sup>10</sup>and crying out with a loud voice, saying “Salvation *belongs* to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

Revelation 5:9 (NKJV)

⁹And they sang a new song, saying: “You are worthy to take the scroll, and to open its seals; For You were slain, and have redeemed us to God by Your blood **out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation**,

## Men & Women

**X** Acts 2:16-18 (NKJV)

<sup>16</sup> But this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: <sup>17</sup> ‘And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, That I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your **daughters** shall prophesy, Your young men shall see visions, Your old men shall dream dreams. <sup>18</sup> And on My menservants and on My **maidservants** I will pour out My Spirit in those days; And they shall prophesy.

Galatians 3:28 (NKJV)

<sup>28</sup> There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, **there is neither male nor female**; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

## Coming from Diverse Economic Backgrounds

**X** Luke 4:18a (NKJV)

<sup>18</sup> “The Spirit of the Lord *is* upon Me, because **He has anointed Me to preach the gospel to *the* poor;**

Luke 7:22 (NKJV)

<sup>22</sup> Jesus answered and said to them, “Go and tell John the things you have seen and heard: that the blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, *the* deaf hear, *the* dead are raised, ***the* poor have the gospel preached to them.**

**X** Matthew 27:57 (NKJV)

<sup>57</sup> Now when evening had come, there came a **rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who himself had also become a disciple of Jesus.**

Luke 19:1-6 (NKJV)

Then *Jesus* entered and passed through Jericho. <sup>2</sup> Now behold, *there was* a man named Zacchaeus who was a chief tax collector, **and he was rich.** <sup>3</sup> And he sought to see who Jesus was, but could not because of the crowd, for he was of short stature. <sup>4</sup> So he ran ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see Him, for He was going to pass that way. <sup>5</sup> And when Jesus came to the place, He looked up and saw him, and said to him, “Zacchaeus, make haste and come down, for today I must stay at your house.” <sup>6</sup> So he made haste and came down, and **received Him joyfully.**

Luke 2:8-11 (NKJV)

<sup>8</sup> Now there were in the same country **shepherds** living out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. <sup>9</sup> And behold, an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were greatly afraid. <sup>10</sup> Then the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy **which will be to all people.** <sup>11</sup> For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

**WISE MEN BROUGHT GOLD, FRANKINCENSE & MYRRH!!**

**X** Psalm 113:7-8 (NKJV)

**<sup>7</sup>He raises the poor out of the dust, *and* lifts the needy out of the ash heap, <sup>8</sup>That He may seat *him* with princes—** with the princes of His people.

**X** 1 Timothy 6:17 (NKJV)

**<sup>17</sup>Command those who are rich in this present age not to be haughty, nor to trust in uncertain riches but in the living God,** who gives us richly all things to enjoy.

## **Multi Generational**

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1 Timothy 5:1-2 (NKJV)

Do not rebuke an **older** man, but exhort *him* as a father, **younger** men as brothers, <sup>2</sup>**older** women as mothers, **younger** women as sisters, with all purity.

Titus 2:1-6 (NKJV) **OLDER TEACH YOUNGER -GOT TO HAVE BOTH!**

But as for you, speak the things which are proper for sound doctrine: <sup>2</sup>that the **older** men be sober, reverent, temperate, sound in faith, in love, in patience; <sup>3</sup>the **older** women likewise, that they be reverent in behavior, not slanderers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things— <sup>4</sup>that they admonish the **young** women to love their husbands, to love their children, <sup>5</sup>*to be* discreet, chaste, homemakers, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be blasphemed. <sup>6</sup>Likewise, exhort the **young** men to be sober-minded,

**How the older should look towards the younger:**

**X** 1 Timothy 4:12 (NKJV)

<sup>12</sup>**Let no one despise your youth**, but be an example to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity.

Leviticus 19:32 (NKJV)

<sup>32</sup> **'You shall rise before the gray headed and honor the presence of an old man, and fear your God: I am the Lord.**

**How the younger should look towards the older:**

**X** 1 Peter 5:5 (NKJV)

<sup>5</sup>**Likewise you younger people, submit yourselves to your elders. Yes, all of you be submissive to one another,** and be clothed with humility, for “God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble.”

## The Church is HIS: He purchased us & He is our head!!

**X** Acts 20:28 (NKJV)

<sup>28</sup> Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd **the church of God which He purchased with His own blood.**

Ephesians 1:22-23 (NKJV)

<sup>22</sup> And He put all *things* under His feet, and gave Him *to be* head over all *things* to **the church**, <sup>23</sup> **which is His body**, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.

Ephesians 5:23 (NKJV)

<sup>23</sup> For the husband is head of the wife, as also **Christ is head of the church**; and He is the Savior of the body.

**X** 1 Corinthians 6:19-20 (NKJV)

<sup>19</sup> Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit *who is* in you, whom you have from God, **and you are not your own?** <sup>20</sup> For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, **which are God's.**

## Not a Stagnant Organization, but a Growing Organism

**X** 1 Peter 2:5 (NKJV)

<sup>5</sup>you also, as **living stones**, are **being built up** a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

**X** Matthew 16:18 (NKJV)

<sup>18</sup>And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock **I will build My church**, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.

Acts 2:41 (NKJV)

<sup>41</sup>Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day **about three thousand souls were added to them**.

Acts 2:46-47 (NKJV)

<sup>46</sup>So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart, <sup>47</sup>praising God and having favor with all the people. **And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.**

Acts 4:1-4 (NKJV)

Now as they spoke to the people, the priests, the captain of the temple, and the Sadducees came upon them, <sup>2</sup>being greatly disturbed that they taught the people and preached in Jesus the resurrection from the dead. <sup>3</sup>And they laid hands on them, and put *them* in custody until the next day, for it was already evening. <sup>4</sup>**However, many of those who heard the word believed; and the number of the men came to be about five thousand.**

Acts 4:15-17 (NKJV)

<sup>15</sup>But when they had commanded them to go aside out of the council, they conferred among themselves, <sup>16</sup>saying, “What shall we do to these men? For, indeed, that a notable miracle has been done through them *is* evident to all who dwell in Jerusalem, and we cannot deny *it*. <sup>17</sup>But **so that it spreads no further** among the people, let us severely threaten them, that from now on they speak to no man in this name.”

**X** Acts 5:14 (NKJV)

<sup>14</sup>**And believers were increasingly added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women,**

**X** Acts 6:1a (NKJV)

Now in those days, when ***the number of the disciples was multiplying***.....

**X** Acts 6:7 (NKJV)

<sup>7</sup>Then the word of God spread, and **the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were obedient to the faith.**

Acts 8:1-4 (NKJV)

Now Saul was consenting to his death. At that time a great persecution arose against the church which was at Jerusalem; and they were all scattered throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria, except the apostles. <sup>2</sup>And devout men carried Stephen *to his burial*, and made great lamentation over him. <sup>3</sup>As for Saul, he made havoc of the church, entering every house, and dragging off men and women, committing *them* to prison.

**<sup>4</sup>Therefore those who were scattered went everywhere preaching the word.**

1 Corinthians 3:5-6 (NKJV)

<sup>5</sup>Who then is Paul, and who *is* Apollos, but ministers through whom you believed, as the Lord gave to each one? <sup>6</sup>I planted, Apollos watered, but **God gave the increase.**

## **Supernatural**

**X** Mark 16:15-20 (NKJV)

<sup>15</sup>And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. <sup>16</sup>He who believes and is baptized will

be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.<sup>17</sup> **And these signs will follow those who believe:** In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; <sup>18</sup>they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover.”<sup>19</sup> So then, after the Lord had spoken to them, He was received up into heaven, and sat down at the right hand of God. <sup>20</sup>And they went out and preached everywhere, **the Lord working with *them* and confirming the word through the accompanying signs.** Amen.

Romans 15:18-19 (NKJV)

<sup>18</sup>For I will not dare to speak of any of those things which Christ has not accomplished through me, in word and deed, to make the Gentiles obedient— <sup>19</sup>**in mighty signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God, so that from Jerusalem and round about to Illyricum I have fully preached the gospel of Christ.**

Galatians 3:5 (NKJV)

<sup>5</sup>Therefore **He who supplies the Spirit to you and works miracles among you,** *does He do it* by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?

Hebrews 2:4 (NKJV)

**<sup>4</sup>God also bearing witness both with signs and wonders, with various miracles, and gifts of the Holy Spirit, according to His own will?**

Acts 9:10-12 (NKJV)

**<sup>10</sup>Now there was a certain disciple at Damascus named Ananias; and to him the Lord said in a vision, “Ananias.” And he said, “Here I am, Lord.” <sup>11</sup>So the Lord said to him, “Arise and go to the street called Straight, and inquire at the house of Judas for one called Saul of Tarsus, for behold, he is praying. <sup>12</sup>And in a vision he has seen a man named Ananias coming in and putting *his* hand on him, so that he might receive his sight.”**

**X** Acts 6:8 (NKJV)

**<sup>8</sup>And Stephen, full of faith and power, did great wonders and signs among the people.**

## **Influential Outside the Walls**

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**X** Acts 17:6 (NKJV)

<sup>6</sup>But when they did not find them, they dragged Jason and some brethren to the rulers of the city, crying out, “**These who have turned the world upside down have come here too.**”

**X** Romans 1:8 (NKJV)

<sup>8</sup>First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for you all, **that your faith is spoken of throughout the whole world.**

**X** 1 Thessalonians 1:6-8 (NKJV)

<sup>6</sup>And you became followers of us and of the Lord, having received the word in much affliction, with joy of the Holy Spirit, <sup>7</sup>so that you became examples to all in Macedonia and Achaia who believe. <sup>8</sup>**For from you the word of the Lord has sounded forth, not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place. Your faith toward God has gone out,** so that we do not need to say anything.

**X** 1 Thessalonians 1:8 (NLT)

<sup>8</sup>And now the word of the Lord is ringing out from you to people everywhere, even beyond Macedonia and Achaia, **for wherever we go we find people telling us about your faith in God. We don't need to tell them about it,**