

THERE IS NO PERFECT CHURCH

Ephesians 4:11-16

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Wittingly or unwittingly many Christians today fit into the category of _____ and _____.

The question is:

Which of the following statements have you ever thought or said about a church you attended? (Check all that apply)

- This church just isn't meeting my/my spouse's/my child's needs.
- I have no friends at this church.
- I am not being spiritually fed here.
- I wish this church would emphasize _____ more.
- I don't agree with the church's decision to _____.
- The youth/children's program is not meeting my child's needs.
- I don't think the church's music fits my style/taste.
- I wish I didn't have to deal with Mr./Mrs./Ms. _____ every time I come to church.
- There is no special program/group for me/my spouse/my child here.

In today's _____ society, it is not hard to look at church as some kind of _____.

If a particular church is growing today, what is most likely the reason?

There is no such thing as the _____ church.
Yet why do so many Christians keep looking for it?

With freedom of _____ has come
_____, not _____.

How would you define the true meaning and purpose of church?

Why do most people go to church?

Our view of the church is largely _____.

How does our contemporary view of the church compare with the original intent of the 1st Century church?

What is the all-important principle for church mission and focus? (see *I Corinthians 14:26; Ephesians 4:11-16*)

What two words describe the purpose of the church that is often forgotten/overlooked by “need-focused” Christians?

Church is _____ but also
_____.

What can I honestly expect from church?

What if I find the “perfect” church – should I join it?

In addressing early Christians did Paul advise them to “go find a place where your needs will be met”?

What did he say?

- *1 Corinthians 1:10*

- *1 Corinthians 10:33*

- *Ephesians 4:2-3*

- *Philippians 2:3-4*

- *Colossians 3:12-13*

Good reasons to look for another church:

- The _____ is not helping you.
- Your _____ have no friends there.
- There is no _____ program for you.
- The church does not emphasize _____.
- The members are not _____.
- There is doctrinal _____ being taught.

Poor reasons to look for another church:

(same as above)

The presence of a _____ or _____ in a local church is _____, in and of itself, reason to leave - every church has _____.

What is the real issue?

Just because my _____ are not being met at the moment does not mean it is time to _____.

Church isn't just about finding the perfect place to _____, it is also about becoming a _____ of a local body that is learning to _____.