

# A Family of Believers

## The Divine Structure

Original Family

- **Man (+ authority)**
  - Genesis 1:26-31
  - Genesis 2:7
- **Woman**
  - Genesis 2:18-25
- **Commandments**
  - Genesis 2:15&17

The Fall of Man

Genesis 3

## The (Changed) Divine Structure

God's Grace and Mercy (Family Restored)

**John 3:16&17**

**John 14:6**

- **Christ Jesus**
  - John 3:16&17
  - Matthew 28:18
  - Ephesians 5:23
  - Colossians 1:18
  - John 14:23&24, 15:10
- **The Church (Believers)**
  - Matthew 16:18
  - Ephesians 5:25-33
- **Commandments & Promises**
  - Matthew 28:19&20
  - Promise of Eternal Life (Matt.19:29)
  - Promise of the Holy Spirit (John 14:16)

## What's The Problem?

God, the Holy Spirit, Christ Jesus and Commandments are perfect

The Church (Believers) are the problem

Wake-up Call!

The Church Does Not Exist in a Vacuum

The Church Make-up

Different Nationalities, Ethnic Backgrounds, Ages, Gender, Economic Status, Political Beliefs

Marital Status, Cultural Background, Physical Abilities, Mental State, Etc.

**Galatians 3:28**

Relationship

Believers live in a world surrounded by Unbelievers, but God expects Believers to be the Light

- John 8:23&24, 8:31-34
- Matthew 28:19&20
- Philippians 2:15

- 1 John 4:4&9
- Galatians 3:9
- 2 Peter 3:9
- 2 Corinthians 4:4-7
- 2 Corinthians 6:14-16

How to Treat Each Other

**Exhort one another** (*Hebrews 3:13*)

**Love one another** (*John 13:34, 15:12&17, Romans 12:10, etc.*)

**Examine yourselves** (*2 Corinthians 13:5*)

**Test the spirit** (*1 John 4:1-4*)

**Stir up one another** (*Hebrews 10:24*)

**1 Thessalonians 5:11-22**

Etc.

## Growth Process

Hebrews 5:11-14

## Roles in the Church – Believers have support

- Members
  - Assigned Roles:*
    - Deacons
    - Elders
    - Ministers
    - Teachers
- Titus
- 1<sup>st</sup> Timothy
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy
- Ephesians 4:11

### Deacons

1<sup>st</sup> Timothy 3:8-13

### Elders

1<sup>st</sup> Timothy 3:1-7

Titus 1:6-9

1<sup>st</sup> Timothy 5:17

Hebrews 13:17

1<sup>st</sup> Peter 5:1-4

### Ministers (Members)

Titus 2

Titus 3:1-11

1<sup>st</sup> Timothy 5

1<sup>st</sup> Timothy 6

2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 1:13&14

2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 2:2-16, 2:19-26

2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 3:1-7, 3:12&13

2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 4:1-5

## Members – what God expects of:

### Individual

Titus 2

Galatians 6:1-10

Galatians 5:15-26

### Married

1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 7

Ephesians 5:22-33; 6:4

Romans 7:2,3

Colossians 3:18-21

1<sup>st</sup> Peter 3:1- 7

### Model Marriages

Abraham and Sarah (Genesis 11-23)

- Obedience
- Submission
- Etc.

Aquila and Priscilla (Acts 18)

- Two Shall Become One
- Workers Together
- Teaching
- Etc.

Additional Scriptures on Marriage

(New American Standard Bible)

**Proverbs 12:4** – An excellent wife is the crown of her husband, but she who shames him is like rottenness in his bones.

**Proverbs 18:22** – He who finds a wife finds a good thing, and obtains favor from the Lord.

**Proverbs 19:14** – House and wealth are an inheritance from fathers, but a prudent wife is from the Lord.

**Proverbs 31:10** – An excellent wife, who can find? For her worth is far above jewels.

Becoming Unbalanced (Husband and Wife) – many things can affect the balance of the marriage

1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 7:32-35

Titus 2:11-15

Jude 1:17-23

*Areas of Concern:* Money Management, Physical Affection, Children, Family Members, Etc.

### **How to Overcome Concerns**

1 Corinthians 13:4-7

1 John 4:7&8; 4:18

1 Corinthians 7:3-5

Etc.

**Is Divorce An Option?** Matthew 5:32

**Is Separation An Option?** 1 Corinthians 7:10&11

## In Closing

Establish Your

Relationship With  
God & His Son.

Know Your Role  
And Responsibilities.

Pray Long and Hard.