



**GULF SHORES**  
CHURCH OF CHRIST

## *Sunday Evening Sermon*

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**LESSON #2 = 5 Sins of an Unhealthy Church Family**

***Introduction:*** *In this series we are taking a close look at the spiritual identity of the Lord's people. We realize that the church plays an important part in the work of the Lord on the earth. What does God expect of the church? How can we follow God's will? In this lesson we will consider 5 sins of an unhealthy church family...*

### ***Discussion:***

#### ***I. Physical Needs Are NOT Met***

- A. We should not forget our members and visitors (Acts 2:42, 44-45, 4:32-35, Galatians 6:10).
- B. We should not neglect our community (Acts 6:1-7, I Timothy 5:3-16, James 1:27).
- C. We should not ignore our God-given purpose (Matthew 5:16, 28:18-20).

#### ***II. Intellectual Needs Are NOT Met***

- A. The church should avoid false teaching (Titus 1:9-11, Galatians 2:4-5).
- B. The church should avoid extremism (III John 9, II Corinthians 11:13ff).
- C. The church should avoid ignorance (I Thessalonians 4:13-18, Romans 1:13).

#### ***III. Emotional Needs Are NOT Met***

- A. There are dangers in backbiting and gossiping (II Thessalonians 3:11-12, I Peter 4:15-16).
- B. There are dangers in hostility and conflict (Matthew 18:15-17, Galatians 6:1-2).
- C. There are dangers in showing hatred or frustration (Galatians 5:16-23).

#### ***IV. Communal Needs Are NOT Met***

- A. The church is intended to be a family of believers (I Corinthians 5:2, Hebrews 2:11).
- B. The church cannot ignore one another (Acts 2:44-45, Hebrews 10:25).
- C. The church cannot discourage one another (I Thessalonians 4:18, 5:11).

#### ***V. Spiritual Needs Are NOT Met***

- A. The church family cannot support sinful living (Revelation 2:20-23, Joshua 7:13).
- B. The church family cannot practice lukewarm Christianity (Revelation 3:15-16).
- C. The church family must practice accountability (I Corinthians 5:1-13, Hebrews 4:13, 9:27).



***Conclusion:*** *We can clearly see that God loves the church family. He has a plan for each member of it. The church family matters to God and it should matter to us. Are you helping or hindering your church family? What are you contributing to your church family? How is your relationship with God the Father? What can you do to prove to God, and the world, that the church family matters to you? May God bless our work!*

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