



**GULF SHORES**  
CHURCH OF CHRIST

## *Sunday Morning Sermon*

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### LESSON #1 = 5 Signs of a Healthy 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 signs of a healthy church family...*

#### ***Discussion:***

#### ***I. Physical Needs Are Met***

- A. Meet the physical needs of their members (Acts 2:42, 44-45, 4:32-35, Galatians 6:10).
- B. Meet the physical needs of the community (Acts 6:1-7, I Timothy 5:3-16, James 1:27).
- C. The community should not have to come to the church for their needs to be met (Matthew 5:16).

#### ***II. Intellectual Needs Are Met***

- A. The church should teach their members (Acts 2:42, 44-45, II Timothy 2:15).
- B. We are really struggling in our Bible knowledge, but that can be fixed (Acts 17:11, 20:17-38).
- C. We have a responsibility to teach our children the truth (Matthew 18:1-14, 19:14).

#### ***III. Emotional Needs Are Met***

- A. The church can either help or hinder a person emotionally (Matthew 7:12).
- B. We need to resolve hostility and conflict (Matthew 18:15-17, Galatians 6:1-2).
- C. The church needs to be loving and hospitable (James 1:27, 5:16).

#### ***IV. Communal Needs Are Met***

- A. Jesus prayed for the unity of believers (John 17).
- B. The church should not be divided (Acts 2:44-45, I Corinthians 1:10).
- C. Paul describes unity (Ephesians 4:1-6, 11-16).

#### ***V. Spiritual Needs Are Met***

- A. The church should meet the spiritual needs of their members (Acts 2:41-42, 46-47).
- B. The church should meet the spiritual needs of their community (Acts 2:43, 46-47).
- C. We should be fulfilling the Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20, Mark 16:15-16).



***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!*