

Being the Church in our Generation – Love & Holiness
Acts 2:42-47

The local church is meant to be known for...

I. Being an assembly of true disciples

Titus 3:5 - *He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy, by the washing of **regeneration**...*

II. Being Joyfully tenacious in evangelism

2 Timothy 2:10 -*For this reason **I endure all things** for the **sake of those who are chosen**, so that they also may obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus and with it eternal glory.*

III. Love & Holiness

1. Christ-like Love

John 13:34 – *(Jesus said) "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even **as I have loved you**, ... love one another."*

1 John 3:18 - *Little children, let us not love with word or with tongue, but in **deed and truth**.*

2. Christ-like Purity

1 Peter 1:15-16 - *Like the Holy One who called you, be holy yourselves also in **all your behavior**; ... 'You shall be holy, for I am holy'*

Luke 17:2 - *"It would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck and he were thrown into the sea, than that he would **cause one of these little ones to stumble**.*

2 Peter 3:13-14 - *According to His promise we are looking for new heavens and a new earth, in which righteousness dwells...beloved, since you look for these things, be diligent to be found by Him in peace, **spotless & blameless***

2 Corinthians 7:1 - *Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all defilement of flesh and spirit, **perfecting holiness** in the fear of God.*

1 Thessalonians 4:3-4 - *For this is **the will of God, your sanctification**; that is, that you abstain from sexual immorality...*

Matthew 5:29-30 - *"If your right eye makes you stumble, **tear it out** and throw it from you; for it is better for you to lose one of the parts of your body, than for your whole body to be thrown into hell.*

*"If your right hand makes you stumble, **cut it off** and throw it from you; for it is better for you to lose one of the parts of your body, than for your whole body to go into hell.*

1 John 3:10 - *By this the children of God and the children of the devil are obvious: anyone who does not **practice righteousness** is not of God, nor the one who does not **love his brother**.*

1 John 3:3 - *Everyone who has this hope fixed on Him purifies himself, **just as He is pure**.*

1 Thessalonians 3:13 - *...that **He may establish** your hearts without blame in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all His saints.*

A. Acts 5:1-13

B. 1 Corinthians 5:1-13 Page #1143

*Our abiding in Christ & our honesty are crucial to love & holiness.

Psalm 105:4 - *Seek the Lord and His strength; Seek His face continually.*