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a church that belongs to Christ. We are not a denomination; we are simply a group of Christians trying very hard to practice the teachings of our Head, Jesus Christ. The New Testament offers a complete pattern for what each local church should be like—its organization, its worship, its work, etc. We are committed to following that pattern. We cordially invite you to attend our services. We would

#### TIMES OF SERVICES:

### Sunday

Bible Study ....... 9:00 A.M. Worship ...... 10:00 A.M. Training Class .... 5:00 P.M. Worship ...... 6:00 P.M.

## Wednesday:

Bible Study......7:00 P.M.

also welcome any comments or questions about this bulletin.

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# God's Special People

# by Bryan Gibson

The Epistle of Paul to the Ephesians reminds us that the church, the church Jesus promised to build in Matthew 16:18, was part of God's eternal plan, planned even before the foundation of the world (3:10; 1:4). Exactly what kind of people did God have in mind when He planned the church? This same epistle provides the answers.

- People redeemed by the blood of Christ, cleansed and washed of every sin (1:7; 5:25-27); people once dead in sin, but now alive with Christ (2:1-6).
- People with faith in Christ, who express that faith by being subject to Him in everything (1:15; 5:23-24).
- People who have a sincere love for the Lord (6:24).
- People who love others as Christ loved them (3:17-19; 4:32-5:2; 5:25).

- People who are righteous and holy and blameless—in thought, in word, and in deed (1:4; 4:24; 4:25-32; 5:27).
- People who live at peace with others in this body, regardless of their nationality, regardless of what they "once were" (2:14-18); people who show lowliness, gentleness, and longsuffering toward one another (4:1-3).
- People who work together, each doing his part to help himself and others grow to maturity (4:11-16).
- People who read and know and understand the truth

revealed by the Holy Spirit to the apostles and prophets, their goal being to find out what is



pleasing to the Lord, to become more like their Savior, Jesus Christ (3:3-5; 1:17-19; 4:13; 5:10, 17-18).

- People who hold steadfast to the truth, refusing to be "carried about with every wind of doctrine" (4:14).
- People who speak the truth boldly, but with love, humility, and longsuffering (4:15; 6:19-20; 4:1-2).
- People who do the will of God, not grudgingly, but from the heart (6:6; 2:10; 5:19).
- People who take up the whole armor of God and fight against Satan (6:10-17).

- People who stand against every evil way (6:11, 13-14), refuse any "fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness" (5:11-12); and who separate themselves from the filth and immorality in the world (5:3-7).
- People who constantly pray to God, not just for themselves, but for all (6:18-19).
- People who give thanks to God always for all things (5:20; 1:16; 5:4).
- People who are a living demonstration of God's power, wisdom, and grace, thereby bringing praise and glory to God (2:1-10; 3:10, 21; 1:6, 12, 14).

"Blessed are those who are sick but often forgotten in prayer. They're forgotten because they attend church so consistently that everyone forgets how sick they are. These are blessed indeed and serve as a great example!"—Tommy Peeler, via Facebook



A.M.: The Parable of the Talents (Matt. 25:14-30)

P.M.: Guest Speaker: Adam Smith