

Spirituality Practiced in the Church

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What We Believe, part 3

Ephesians 2:11-22; 4:11-16

- I. "Spiritual But Not Religious?"
 - A. The church in Ephesians
 - 1. what the church is (1:4-5, 23; 2:20-22)
 - 2. what Christ did and does for the church (2:11-12; 1:22)
 - 3. how we are to relate to the church (Ephesians 1:15; 4:1-3, 11-12, 14-16)
 - B. The church in 1 Timothy (1:3-4; 2:1-7; 3:1-13, 15)

- II. Why "Go to Church?"
 - A. Learn to Love (1 John 2:7-11; 3:11-24; James 2:14-26; Ephesians 1:15)
 - B. Grow in Faith (Ephesians 4:14; Matthew 18:20; 1 Timothy 4:16; Hebrews 13:17)
 - C. Glorify God (Romans 15:5-6; Colossians 3:16)
 - D. Witness to the Gospel (1 Timothy 3:15; Philippians 2:14-15; Matthew 5:14)

- III. On the Temptations of Nice Pastors (and Nice Christians)
 - A. Why do we let things slide?
 - B. Pastoral care and "the Perseverance of the Saints" (Colossians 1:28)
 - C. The true Pastor, the Head of the Church (Ephesians 5:25-27; Jude 24-25)