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SERMON NOTES

Viewing the Church Through Spiritual Eyes

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Text: Ephesians 1:1

*Christ's church is grounded on proper content and sustained with
heartfelt compassion*

- I. Proper Beginnings: The Biblical church starts with the _____
_____ (Acts 19:1-10).
- A. Genuine salvation has always been by grace through _____
_____ (v. 1)
- B. Genuine faith requires a right _____ of the person of Jesus
Christ (v. 4)
- C. True followers of the Lord respond to _____ (v. 5a)
- D. Proper unity is based on an _____ (vv. 18-19)
- E. The lost world reacts to the _____ life change
of Christ-followers (v. 23)
- II. Persistent Love: The Biblical church serves with the _____
(Rev. 2:1-7)
- A. Positive aspects of service are characterized by...
1. _____
 2. _____
 3. _____
 4. _____
- B. Problem in service is confronted (v. 4)
...Have you left your _____?
- C. Solution for spiritual _____ (v. 5)
- _____
- _____
- _____

WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READING

Hebrews 12:12-24

FURTHER CONSIDERATIONS

Acts 19:1-7

- What does Paul's question in verse 1 indicate about the spiritual understanding of the "disciples" at Ephesus?
- What were some of the challenges for sincere people transitioning from the Old Covenant to the New Covenant? (i.e. How did the content of saving faith change?)
- According to verse 4, what was the intent of the baptism of John the Baptist?
- How many disciples were present?
- What was the purpose of the miraculous sign gifts?

Acts 19:8-10

- What was Paul's approach to sharing the Gospel?
- What were some of the responses to his teaching?
- How do people respond today?
- In what ways do we struggle to respond properly?
- What was the result of Paul's consistent proclamation?
- In what ways can we advance the Gospel in our world today?

Acts 19:18-27

- These verses indicate that there is a spiritual battle that takes place as the Gospel goes forth.
- How did the lives of the believers change after they trusted Christ?
- How did these changes impact the economy in Ephesus?
- What did it cost for these believers to live for the Lord?
- What are some reasons that Christian churches today are ineffective in the culture?
- How might the application of Biblical truth change individual behavior?
- What terms would be appropriate to describe the lives of believers in Ephesus? Do you think those terms apply to the Christian church in America?
- In what ways would your commitment to Christ be similar to that of the "saints at Ephesus"?
- Are there areas in which we need to improve our Christlikeness and Gospel witness?