

The Stewards of Wisdom

The Pursuit – Part 4 of 4

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Why Would Anyone Become a Member Of A Church?

The Bible is in the Church

- Stewards of God's Word

Romans 3:1–2 Then what advantage has the Jew? Or what is the value of circumcision?

² Much in every way. To begin with, the Jews were entrusted with the oracles of God. (ESV)

- Pillar and Buttress of Truth

1 Timothy 3:14–15 I hope to come to you soon, but I am writing these things to you so that, ¹⁵ if I delay, you may know how one ought to behave in the household of God, which is the church of the living God, a pillar and buttress of the truth. (ESV)

- No wisdom without the Bible

1 Corinthians 3:18-20 Let no one deceive himself. If anyone among you seems to be wise in this age, let him become a fool that he may become wise. ¹⁹ For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, "He catches the wise in their own craftiness;" ²⁰ and again, "The LORD knows the thoughts of the wise, that they are futile." (NKJV)

The Gospel is in the Church

- No wisdom without Christ

1 Corinthians 1:30-31 And because of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, ³¹ so that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord." (ESV)

The Spirit is in the Church

- No wisdom without the Spirit

Ephesians 1:16-17 I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, ¹⁷ that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of Him. (ESV)

Spiritual Leaders are in the Church

- No wisdom without spiritual leadership

Ephesians 4:11-13 And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds, and teachers, ¹²to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God (ESV)

The Brothers are in the Church

- No wisdom without brothers and sisters

Colossians 3:16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. (ESV)

The Future is in the Church

Matthew 16:18-19 And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. ¹⁹I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.” (ESV)

Revelation 21:2 And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. (ESV)

My Next Step Today is to...

- ☐ Become a member of Church in the Valley
- ☐ Make a commitment to weekly Sunday worship
- ☐ Join a group and practice hospitality in 2022
- ☐ Join a team and serve the church
- ☐ Attend learning environments in 2022