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3/16/25 What is Right With the Church? **Matthew 5:43-48**

* The true church is made up of born again believers in Christ Jesus.
* The wicked seems to prosper, but must face God’s judgment.
* Jesus said that He would build His church and the gates of hell will not prevail against it.

**Matthew 5:45, 16:18; Galatians 6:9**

**1. Love lasts forever!**

* True Christians display unconditional love.
* When the end comes, love is the only spiritual gift that will not disappear.
* Jesus tells us we should love our neighbors, as well as our enemies.

**1 Corinthians 13:8-10; 1 Peter 4:8; Luke 10:30-37**

**2. We must do things differently.**

* Jesus tells us that you should bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for those who persecute you.
* Paul reminds us to respond gently when evil things are said about us.
* We are to be a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people.

**Matthew 5:44-45; Romans 12:14; 1 Corinthians 4:12-13; 1 Peter 2:9**

**3. We are striving to have a God-like character.**

* Jesus wants us to go beyond the behavioral righteousness of the religious leaders to a broken and contrite heart yielded fully to God.
* Jesus teaches unselfish love that gives and expects nothing in return.
* God invites all to come to Him, no matter how they have rejected Him in the past.
* God knows our hearts and knows what we need to be perfect like Him.

**Psalm 51:17; Matthew 5:46-48, 19:16–22; 1 John 1:9**

**Upcoming Events**

Women’s Tea planning meeting today after worship.

The Union Meeting, March 28-30 at New Prospect, 598 Hwy 84, Stockton, GA. The choir will sing on Friday night at 7 PM; we should be the second to the last choir to sing. Pastor Adams will be teaching the Bible Institute on that Saturday morning at 10 AM.

Food Pantry, Thursday, March 27th 3-5 PM.

**Thought for the Week:** As we mature, our prayers stop focusing so much on asking God to change the situation we’re dealing with. Instead, we start asking Him how He wants to change us while we’re in them.