Let the Church Arise: Share Jesus

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<u>John 3:16-17</u>

16 "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. 17 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him."

The Church...

1. IS NOT A SET OF <u>RULES</u>, <u>CREEDS</u>, <u>DOCTRINES</u>, OR <u>TRADITIONS</u>

The Church...

2. OFFERS JESUS CHRIST—GOD IN FLESH Matthew 1:20-23

20 But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because <u>what is</u> <u>conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit</u>." 21... 22 All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: 23 "<u>The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and</u> they will call him <u>Immanuel</u>"—which means, "<u>God with us</u>."

Through Christ, the Church...

3. PROCLAIMS FREEDOM FROM <u>SIN</u> AND <u>DEATH</u> AND THE PROMISE OF ETERNAL <u>LIFE</u> <u>Matthew I:21</u>

[The angel said] 21 She will give birth to a son, and <u>you are to</u> give him the name Jesus, because <u>he will save his people from</u> their sins."

<u>Romans 8:1-2</u>

I Therefore, there is now <u>no condemnation for those who are in</u> <u>Christ Jesus</u>, 2 because <u>through Christ Jesus</u> the law of the Spirit of life <u>set me free from the law of sin and death</u>.

<u>1 Corinthians 15:1-2</u>

1 ... I want to <u>remind you of the gospel I preached to you</u>, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. 2 <u>By this</u> <u>gospel you are saved</u>...

<u>Romans 8:16</u>

16 <u>The Spirit</u> himself <u>testifies with our spirit</u> that <u>we are God's</u> <u>children</u>.

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