

September 9 & 10, 2017

"I Have Jesus. Do I Really Need Church?"

1 Peter 2:4-10

Message by Steve Fowler

Worship led by Jeff Brown and Laura Scharer

Music:

Grace on Top of Grace	Before the Throne of God Above	Come to the Altar
Great I Am		



"To dwell in love with saints above, Why that will be glory. To dwell with the saints I know—Why, that's a different story."

No Guilt

No Illusions

No Holding Back

“...you are a chosen people. You are royal priests, a holy nation, God’s very own possession. As a result, you can show others the goodness of God, for he called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light. “Once you had no identity as a people; now you are God’s people. Once you received no mercy; now you have received God’s mercy.” 1 Peter 2:9-10

“You are coming to Christ, who is the living cornerstone of God’s temple, but he was chosen by God for great honor. And you are living stones that God is building into his spiritual temple.” 1 Peter 2:4-5

The church is a gathering of ‘called out of darkness’, Holy Spirit filled people who are building their lives on Jesus, building their lives into one another, and reflecting God's goodness to their world.

Christianity can only be lived out in community

“The virtuous soul that is alone is like the burning coal that is alone. It will grow colder rather than hotter.” St. John of the cross

You can’t experience God to the degree that he intends without being built into a body of believers.

“In each of my friends there is something that only some other friend can fully bring out. By myself I am not large enough to call the whole man into activity; I want other lights than my own to show of all his facets. Now that Charles is dead I shall never again see Ronald’s reaction to a joke told by Charles. Far from having more of Ronald, far from having him more to myself now that Charles is away, I have less of Ronald. In this, friendship exhibits a glorious "nearness by resemblance" to Heaven itself where the very multitude of the blessed (which no man can number) increases the enjoyment each has of God. The more we share the Heavenly Bread between us, the more we shall all have. C. S. Lewis

“We are not interested in what he teaches, since he teaches outside the church. Whatever and whatsoever kind of man he is, he is not a Christian who is not in Christ’s church. He cannot have God as his Father who does not have the church for his Mother. Cyprian, Bishop of Carthage

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