

WHY THE CHURCH IS SO BROKEN

Selected Scriptures

Recognizing problems that weaken the church, and resolving to correct them

LET'S GET STARTED

We love God's church, but our love for it should not blind us to its problems. Jesus Christ and the Apostle Paul both foretold a "falling away" when many in the church would drift from God. In this message we will look at reasons why the church is broken, and how it can be mended.

LET'S HEAR THE WORD

Many factors contribute to the brokenness of churches today, but three in particular stand out:

- **Lack of _____ preaching.**

Proverbs 29:18—Where there is no revelation, the people cast off restraint; but blessed is he who keeps the law.

Amos 8:11-12—¹¹ "The days are coming," declares the Sovereign LORD, "when I will send a famine through the land—not a famine of food or a thirst for water, but a famine of hearing the words of the LORD. ¹² Men will stagger from sea to sea and wander from north to east, searching for the word of the LORD, but they will not find it."

- _____ **stolen by the world.**

1 John 2:15-17—¹⁵ Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. ¹⁶ For everything in the world—the cravings of sinful man, the lust of his eyes and the boasting of what he has and does—comes not from the Father but from the world. ¹⁷ The world and its desires pass away, but the man who does the will of God lives forever.

Quotable

Everywhere there is apathy. Nobody cares whether that which is preached is true or false. A sermon is a sermon whatever the subject; only, the shorter it is the better.

—Charles Spurgeon

I would suggest that every member of the church begin where the disciples began— at genuine conversion. . . . I am convinced that there are great hordes of people loosely identified with the church for various reasons who have never experienced Scriptural conversion.

—Billy Graham

If you would like to know more

Christ's Call to Reform the Church, by John MacArthur, Moody Publishers, 2018

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- _____ **members.**

John 3:5-8—⁵ Jesus answered, “I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit. ⁶ Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. ⁷ You should not be surprised at my saying, ‘You must be born again.’ ⁸ The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit.”

- **Lack of dependence upon the** _____ .

Psalm 127:1—Unless the LORD builds the house, its builders labor in vain. Unless the LORD watches over the city, the watchmen stand guard in vain.

If God were to take the Holy Spirit out of this world, most of what the church is doing would go right on and nobody would know the difference. —A. W. Tozer

LET’S LIVE IT

Here are some ways you can help heal the brokenness of the church and promote authentic faith among those whose profess Christ:

- _____ God’s Word.
- Guard your _____.
- _____ to the Holy Spirit.

If you would like to speak to any of our Pastors about a spiritual need in your life, here is their contact information:

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