

Church – God’s Temple

First of all, I love my Church because I feel my Church as God's home - His temple. Here I mean Church as the separated ones for God not the facility. I feel His abode and presence there. The Church is the only institution today known as the temple of God.

Secondly, I love my Church because I feel my Church as my extended family where I feel loved and cared. The Lord Jesus Christ is the perfect model in my Church whom I can follow. I am taught to be like Him.

Thirdly, I love my Church because my Church is comprised of imperfect people like me or better people than me in every sense. The Church teaches me to grow to perfection and it comes by submission to the Lord. Then my attitude should be the same as that of Christ.

Fourthly, I love my Church because I feel free from the burden of sin and worries. God forgives my sins through Jesus Christ when I confess it to Him and lay aside my worries before Him by prayer. The Bible leads me to cast my cares on the Lord and he will sustain you; He will never let the righteous fall.

The Word, the worship, and the Holy Communion leads me to the things I said above. I love my Church. Finally, I love Church because it's a place for me to serve, serve God and my fellowmen.

"The Church is not a gallery for the better exhibition of eminent Christians, but a school for the education of imperfect ones." Henry Ward Beecher

"The day we find the perfect Church, it becomes imperfect the moment we join it". C. H. Spurgeon

Let me conclude this small article with a prayer of Pastor Dong DeMar:

"God give us a Church, upon a hill,
Where thy Word is heard and hearts are made still,
Where the sound of praise fills the countryside,
Where the Gospel of Christ is proclaimed far and wide,
Where souls hungering for Jesus find rest in Him,
Where the grace of God is transforming men,
May it be a sanctuary, a house of prayer,
May mercy and favor be freely found there.
May it be Thy house, Thy dwelling, O Lord,
Where Thy name is worshipped, honored, and adored."

God bless you.

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I Love IPC Hebron, LA because...

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"It's really welcoming. The people here are genuinely humble, very loving and caring. I felt right at home the first time I walked through the doors."

"I found Jesus, got born again, baptized and filled with the Holy Spirit, and now I'm living everyday to be the best Christian I can be."

"Even through my many faults and failures my church still looks at me with eyes of love and forgiveness and not judgment."

"God has changed my life through the church by challenging me to apply the word of God in all aspects of my life. Today, I am growing spiritually and emotionally."

"I am able to get the answers to questions that I have and I appreciate the fact that our Pastor is a great servant of God, very informative and knowledgeable of the word."

"We have a brilliant leadership team, always committed to exalt, to edify and to evangelize."

"Our prayer & ladies ministry is powerful and empowering; I feel safe, loved, & respected here."

"Our worship team leads us into the presence and power of the Holy Spirit, the sermons and teachings have helped me grow and deal with life's daily situations."

"The evangelism team is very missional and has made me feel unashamed of the gospel and blessed through Christ! I feel challenged to be more like Jesus every day."

"The Sunday School and PYP/Youth services have always positively shaped and secured my next generation, and even lives beyond the boundaries of our church."

"There are many wonderful opportunities to grow in the Lord and to get plugged in for Jesus."

"My friends at the church and the Pastor support me (encourage me); just when I need it."

"I was off track for awhile but my church lead me back to Him again."

"I can renew my mind, experience God and His mighty healing in my body, spirit and soul."

"I love our fellowship. I have made so many friends. It's like I have known them for years."

Friends!! When the church is working right, there is nothing quite like it. So we don't just tolerate the church - we celebrate it!

In Matthew 16, Jesus promised us that He would build His Church, and that nothing could prevail against it. His Resurrection urges us to build our lives on that promise. So in this New Year, let us celebrate His church and all that God has done, because regardless of the problems we may face, the best is yet to come!