

“Signs of a Healthy Church”

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Psalm 133

IX. A healthy church will have a sweet, spiritual

A. A healthy church will have a sweet, spiritual fellowship that creates a _____ centered around 5 _____ things.

1. Sweet, spiritual fellowship is unified around a common _____.

“Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.”

Ephesians 4:3-6 (NIV)

“I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another in what you say and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly united in mind and thought. My brothers and sisters, some from Chloe’s household have informed me that there are quarrels among you. What I mean is this: One of you says, “I follow Paul”; another, “I follow Apollos”; another, “I follow Cephas”; still another, “I follow Christ.”

1 Corinthians 1:10-12

(NIV)

“May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had, so that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

Romans 15:5-6 (NIV)

2. Sweet, spiritual fellowship is unified around a common _____.

“Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.”

1 John 5:12 (NIV)

“If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.”

1 John 1:6-7 (NIV)

“What fellowship can light have with darkness”

2 Corinthians 6:14

3. Sweet, spiritual fellowship is unified around a common _____.

“I hate and detest falsehood, but I love your law. Seven times a day I praise you for your righteous laws. Great peace have those who love your law, and nothing can make them stumble.”

Psalms 119:163-165 (NIV)

“They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

Acts 2:42 (NIV)

4. Sweet, spiritual fellowship is unified around a common _____.

“And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.”

Colossians 3:14 (NIV)

“We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love each other. Anyone who does not love remains in death.”

1 John 3:14 (NIV)

“By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”

John 13:35 (NIV)

5. Sweet, spiritual fellowship is unified around a common _____.

“Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.”

1 Corinthians 12:27 (NIV)

“In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.”

Matthew 5:16 (NIV)

- B. There are many things that can _____ and _____ the sweet, spiritual fellowship of a church.

“Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves... Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. Live in harmony with one

another. Do not be proud but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited.”

Romans 12:10,15-16 (NIV)

“in order that Satan might not outwit us. For we are not unaware of his schemes.”

2 Corinthians 2:11 (NIV)

- C. When there is a sweet, spiritual fellowship in a church there will be several _____ that happen.

“They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.”

Acts 2:42-47 (NIV)