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FAITH, LOYALTY, AND SERVICE



What Is the Church?

by BILL MARKHAM Co-Host, The 700 Club Canada



Our English word church comes from the German word *kirche*, which was taken from the Greek word

kyriakos. Kyriakos means, "belonging to the Lord" and for our context, was most often used in conjunction with the word dom, which means "house." So, our English word church literally means "the Lord's house." It is why so many think of a building when they reference the church. But is this the understanding Jesus intended us to have?

In Matthew 16:18, Jesus says, "... on this rock I will build my **church**" (NIV). This is the first time in the Bible that we read a word that is translated into the English word church. What is interesting is that the Greek word used here is ekklesia, which means "assembly" or "gathering." Jesus borrowed this term used to describe citizens who had been called to a public space to exercise their authority (as in to discuss social issues, make policies, and vote). So, when Jesus uses the term church, He is referring to any group of people who are committed to exercising the authority He has given them (see Matthew 28:18-20).

According to Jesus, the church is not a building you go to or a religious organization you belong to. It is instead a group of people who have chosen to work together to advance the kingdom of God. We are called to bring Christ's freedom everywhere we go. This is what Jesus meant when He invited you and me to be a part of His church.

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MORE THAN SURVIVAL MODE

Learning to reclaim your God-given life



Do you suffer from depression, anxiety, trauma—and are not sure how to cope? Christians battling those issues are sometimes told to pray them away.

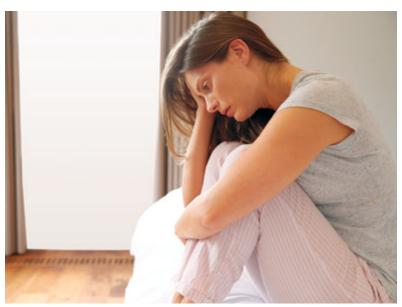
But Dr. Thema Bryant, author of *Homecoming*: Overcome Fear and Trauma to Reclaim Your Whole, Authentic Self, says that since we don't "pray away" toothaches, we should be okay with getting help for mental ailments too.

She emphasizes that in the Bible "we see despair and anxiety and insecurity with the disciples. We see the grief of Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane."

"And when we really look at the text," she continues, "it gives us permission to not only honour the sacredness of our lives, but our humanity. As Christians, we don't want to operate in denial. We know that truth sets us free. And so, we want to be honest about our moments of grief, of depression, of frustration, of fatigue. All of that is a part of our journey."

After acknowledging the problem, Dr. Bryant suggests looking for a counsellor while remembering that Christians also work outside the church. At your first session, "get a sense of their feelings and beliefs around God and around church community"—and whether or not they have experience with your particular issue. If you don't feel comfortable with their answers, you have the freedom to keep looking.

"Some of us are just living in survival mode," Dr. Bryant says. But she also reminds us that with God leading the way, we cannot only cope, but we can eventually live free and abundant lives.



Are you feeling depressed?



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n September 8, 2022, the world saw the end of an era in British history: Queen Elizabeth II passed away, and her son became King Charles III. This was a significant moment for a number of reasons, but for so many, especially those in the United Kingdom and the Commonwealth, her reign and longevity had spanned their entire lifetime.

However, and more importantly, Queen Elizabeth II was an incredible woman of faith, and her relationship with God guided her life.

She was born in 1926, and after the passing of her father, King George VI, she became Queen in 1952. As the longest-serving monarch in British history, she reigned for 70 years, providing stability as she led with grace, integrity, and dignity.

Her life was one of service, committing all she had to her people. Not only did she serve in WWII at the age of 18 (against the wishes of her family), but after taking the throne, she transformed the British Empire into a Commonwealth, growing the number of member countries from 8 to 54. She modernized the monarchy, always embracing change; she tirelessly supported numerous charities, standing for racial justice within the Commonwealth and throughout the world.

What motivated her to this level of service? In her own words, "Each day is a new beginning. I know that the only way to live my life is to try to do what is right, to take the long view, to give of my best in all that the day brings, and to put my trust in God."

Throughout the Bible, we are reminded that God has placed a calling on our lives. First and foremost, that calling is to follow Him, living out His saving grace in our lives. Furthermore, wherever God places us, we are to be His example. We could be teachers, athletes, business professionals, or students; in our professions we need to ensure that God's light is reflected in our lives so that we can bring others into a relationship with Him.

Philippians 2:3-4 reads, **Do nothing out of selfish ambition** or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others (NIV).

On November 11, we remember the sacrifice of so many through times of conflict and war. Like Queen Elizabeth II, let us pause to remind ourselves of the highest calling and level of service that we can achieve—to our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

May God bless you.

THE 700 CLUB CANADA

Who Is the Holy Spirit?

by Lorie Hartshorn Co-Host, *The 700 Club Canada*



How is your relationship with the Holy Spirit? Is He distant or perhaps even unknown to you? The Holy Spirit

is the third Person of the Trinity. He is God. Sadly, many people feel comfortable with the Father or the Son but do not know the Holy Spirit. If you want to know God more deeply and intimately, you need to get to know the Holy Spirit. You wouldn't know God if it wasn't for His Spirit. When Jesus told His disciples that He was leaving, He introduced them to the Spirit of God. Here's what Jesus says about Him:

"But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth." (John 16:13 NIV)

"But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you." (John 14:26)

In Romans 8:26 (NLT), Paul tells us another role of the Holy Spirit:

And the Holy Spirit helps us in our weakness. For example, we don't know what God wants us to pray for. But the Holy Spirit prays for us with groanings that cannot be expressed in words.

God wants to reveal the truth to you, He wants to guide you, He is your advocate and friend. He is your teacher and will remind you of Jesus' words. He helps you in your weakness, and He prays for you. There is no better friend and companion. Be filled with the Holy Spirit and welcome His leading in your life.

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A LOST SHEEP

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FROM ROCK BOTTOM TO DEBT-FREE

Danesca always believed in being a cheerful giver, but after her marriage ended, her income was not enough to cover her bills. After several dreams about finances, she knew God wanted her to get out of debt and take a serious look at her spending. Don't miss how she paid off over \$38,000 of debt.



CLAIMING HER CROWN OF LIFE

Shannon's life of drugs and alcohol led to a high-speed chase where she struck a motorcyclist. In prison, she discovered a Bible verse that she felt was written specifically for her. Discover her amazing story.



PASTOR'S EMOTIONAL CONVERSATIONS LED TO THREE-YEAR AFFAIR

What started as innocent conversations for Pastor Jay soon turned into a three-year affair. When his infidelity was finally exposed, his wife, Jeanne, was devastated—but God had a plan. See how Jay and Jeanne found their way back to each other—and the Lord.

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Thanksgiving: Gateway to Miracles



Receive God's blessings as you praise Him!

by GORDON ROBERTSON Chairman of the Board, CBA President and CEO, CBN



his season is a wonderful opportunity to set aside time to thank God for His bountiful gifts to us. As David says in Psalm 103:2, Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits.

What are His benefits to us? The psalm begins to list them in the next verse: Who forgives all your iniquities. Isn't that amazing? God forgives every single sin, every single mistake—known and unknown. He forgives them all. So let's thank Him for that!

Verse 3 continues, *Who heals all your diseases*. He has promised to heal every ailment and illness, and we can trust Him to keep His Word.

The list of God's blessings continues in verses 4-5: Who crowns you with lovingkindness and tender mercies, Who satisfies your mouth with good things, so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

Open your eyes and see that everything around you is a gift. Your breath is a gift. Faith is a gift. It's a miracle

that you can hear words and have meaning come into your spirit and your heart.

How do you receive a miracle? With thanksgiving! His Word tells us, *Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you* (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18).

When you have that attitude and you see life as His gift, then everything becomes an opportunity for the glory of the Lord to be revealed.

When problems or difficulties arise, thank Him for the solution—because Jesus is the answer to every human need. Turn to Him and come into His presence with a grateful heart.

As Psalm 100:4 says, Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, and bless His name.

May God bless you as you bless Him! *Excerpted from* The 700 Club. *Scripture is quoted from the NKJV.*

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