

#1 Why Church?

Part 4

How the church can and should be building us up

Unlike any other club, organization, or group of friends, the Church in all its terrible imperfections, makes a ridiculous claim: You are here on this Earth for a reason. You are here, with your mind and body and spirit to do great and wonderful things. You are special. You are specifically created to be here. You are known and loved by a Creator God who wants nothing more than to love you into loving yourself and using all your tremendous talents and abilities to make this world all it can be.

No other organization can make this claim. Unlike other organizations, however, it is the Church and only the Church that should assure you that you are blessed and empowered and endowed with incredible, amazing gifts. It is the Church, week after week, that should assure you that you are loved (even when you think you're not) that you are spiritually connected to amazing women and men whose examples of faith and action stretch back for centuries (even when you feel like you're worthless). It is the Church that should build you up so that you can stand up to the many, many injustices that fill humanity and bring you the peace you need to overcome your fears and stand up to the evils facing the world today. In other words, we desperately crave the spiritual feeding we need to do whatever it is we have been called to do on this earth. It is the Church that should, when it is at its best, feed you, love you, and nourish you. I believe no other organization can make that claim, at least to the extent we can.

Now, if you are not feeling assured, connected, and built up, you are hardly alone. The Church has failed miserably in its mission. Nevertheless, we at Collingswood Presbyterian Church are dedicated to trying our best. We are here to make your life and living better. We want you to part of us so we can help you in life's journey and when we fall short, we want to hear from you.

Let's talk. Let's open up about the many ways the Church has hurt us or God has let us down. Let's have a meeting of minds so that we can build each other up and actually live the incredible life Jesus wants for us.

Grace and Peace to You!

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