

WHY I NEED “MY” CHURCH

I. IS THE LOCAL CHURCH IMPORTANT TO GOD?

- a. The process by which God always relates to us - Covenant
- b. The vehicle for living out the covenant – Community
- c. An elect community in Covenant Life Church
- d. Covenant’s distinctives:
Government-Representation-Standards for Living-Mutual
Devotion-Mentoring-Correction-Appeal-Renewal-Transfer
- e. Beware when cynicism takes the local Church lightly

II. HOW THE BIBLE SEES THE CHURCH

- a. Old Testament
Gen. 12, 17; Joel 2: 28-32; Ezek. 13:9; Psalm 106: 4-5
Points:
Faith passed down thru covenant community (The Context)
Faithful’s names are in the record of a covenant community

- b. New Testament
Matt. 16: 17-19, 18:15-20; Eph. 1: 22-23, 4: 11-16;
1 Tim. 3: 14-15; Heb. 13: 7,17
Points:
Can only happen within context of community
Place of clear governmental authority, that ‘authorizes’
That which legitimizes calling and planting
Primary source of equipping for above
The true dispenser and guardian of truth
The true “bride” – ‘what God has joined...’

III. THE PROPHETIC WORDS TO CLC – IN SEED FORM

Evangelize etc, etc.

Reinvent Selves – Full Participation by Everyone

Become a True Community

Generosity – Growth – Equipping: The 2010 Season