



Becoming A Church Where Unloved People Love To Attend

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Message Series: Becoming A Church Where
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Today's Message: Stay Focused on The Source

1. **The Great Giver**

Philippians 2:5-8

1) Christ's Sacrificial Attitude

Philippians 2:7 "... He gave up His Divine privileges; He took the humble position as a slave ..."

2) Christ's Loving Kindness

Romans 1::29-32

Many "Christians" congratulate themselves that they are not "bad people".

Romans 2:1-6

Romans 2:4 "Don't you see how wonderfully Kind, tolerant, and patient God is with you? Does this mean nothing to you? Can't you see that His Kindness is intended to turn you from your sin?"

Ephesians 2:14-16

- Note: Paul wrote this from Rome, under house arrest, being falsely accused by Jews for taking a Gentile into the temple past a literal wall of separation, dividing the Jew and Gentile.

Ephesians 4:11-15

2. **His Great River**

Luke 14:26-27, 33

"To be a disciple is to be a devoted bondservant motivated by love for the Lord Jesus. Many of us who call ourselves Christians are not truly devoted to Jesus Christ. No one on earth has this passionate love for the Lord Jesus unless the Holy Spirit has given it to him. We may admire, respect, and revere Him, but we cannot love Him on our own. The only One who truly loves the Lord Jesus is the Holy Spirit, and it is He who has 'poured out in our hearts' the very 'love of God' (Romans 5:5). Whenever the Holy Spirit sees an opportunity to glorify Jesus through you, He will take your entire being and set you ablaze with glowing devotion to Jesus Christ."

John 7:38, 39

The River of the Spirit of God overcomes all obstacles: STAY Focused on Christ

John 4:14

When we STAY AT The SOURCE, Closely Connected To Jesus – there will be a steady flow His Spirit into the lives of others around us.

Luke 10:25-37

➤ Notice:

- 1) Jesus tells this story so that the lawyer must identify with the person in great need. The lawyer is forced to ask: “How would I want others to treat me?”
- 2) IF my heart is not filling with love and grace I have not experience true compassion. When I ignore the hurting I harden my heart.
- 3) “We Must Have: A supernatural work of the Holy Spirit to love the unlovable, if we would see the face of God with acceptance.” – Spurgeon
- 4) When We Follow Jesus Closely: God will develop and nourish you in MIGHTY, RUSHING RIVERS OF HIS SPIRIT for others.”

Ephesians 6:18-20, 24