

3) What are you for? Wendell Berry

What is the church for?

The Answer is the same and may surprise you.

① The GOAL of the Christian Life/Church

☰☰ Declaration + Command

1. Declaration "We are the temple of the Living God." 6:16

☑ Old Testament Tabernacle/Temple

☑ Corporately, as Community Eph 2:19-22  
1 Peter 2:4-5

☑ Individually, personally 1 Cor. 6:18-20

"I will make my dwelling among them..."  
Leviticus 26:12 + Isaiah 52:11

2. Command "Let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body + spirit, bringing holiness to completion in the fear of God"

☑ We are to participate in sanctification

☑ It is a total cleansing we are to undergo

☑ The pursuit is complete holiness

Answer = The GOAL of the Christian life (what are you for?) and Church (what is church for?) is to be Holy DWELLING of God!

**Xtian** "No little people" Schaeffer ▶ The immense dignity, honor, sacredness + responsibility of being the dwelling place of  $\Theta$ .

➡➡➡ Take pursuit of holiness seriously Holiness, J.C. Ryle

**Seeker** Consider what you might be for!

How? We ALL have so far to go to be Holy?

② The PATH of the Christian Life/Church

**☰☰** Context of 6:2-16 ▶ 2:1-13



➡➡➡ Each one of us/you/me should be practicing Godly Grief regularly in 100's of small ways, ♥ prepped for big ways Culture of Repentance, For Me "Listening"

What is "godly sorrow"? Beware of mere "worldly grief produces death."

Worldly Grief	Godly Sorrow
It responds only when caught	It is responsive to God's truth, commands, ministry rebukes Cf. 7:7
It is sorrow + shame for being caught in sin	It is sorrow for dishonoring God's Name, defiling God's Temple, Deserving the Cross
It is grief that doesn't result in real, lasting change <i>Surface</i>	It is grief that leads to action ▶ <i>repentance</i> , Cf. 7:11

**Christian** Are you walking the Path of Godly Sorrow ▶ Repentance/Change ▶ Xtian Holiness?

↩ Need a powerful motivation!

☰☰ "Since we have these promises, beloved..."

"I will make my dwelling among them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people... then I will welcome you, and I will be a Father to you, and you shall be sons + daughters to me..."