

**Return to Church** 

Why Church? Jim Bricker August 13, 2023

(God's) intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known. **Ephesians 3:10a NIV** 

# Through the Church We Discover . . .

#### 1. Power to live on.

His power has given us everything we need to live and to serve God...

2 Peter 1:3b ICB

When the Holy Spirit comes on you, you will be filled with power. Acts 1:8a GNT

#### 2. People to live with.

(God) has given us the privilege of being born again so that we are now members of God's own family.

1 Peter 1:3b TLB

In Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. **Romans 12:5b NIV** 

### 3. Principles to live by.

"I am but a pilgrim here on earth: I need a map – and your commands are my chart and guide." **Psalm 119:19 TLB** 

"Everyone who hears my words and obeys them is like a wise man who built his house on rock." **Matthew 7:24 NCV** 

#### 4. A plan to live out.

"God has made us what we are. In Christ Jesus, God made us to do good works, which God planned in advance for us to live our lives doing." **Ephesians 2:10 NCV** 

"God gives us many kinds of special abilities, but it is the same Holy Spirit who is the source of them all. **1 Corinthians 12:4 TLB** 

## 5. A purpose to live for.

God was in Christ, offering peace and forgiveness to the people of this world. And he has given us the work of sharing his message about peace. **2 Corinthians 5:19 CEV** 

As you share your faith with others it will grip their lives too, as they see the wealth of good things in you that come from Christ Jesus. Philemon 1:6b TLB