

How to be a Church that Pleases Jesus

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Big Idea: Every church's great ambition (and every believer's aim) should be to live to please Jesus, above everything else.

2 Corinthians 5:8-9

- The Cultural Background
- Readers Guide to the Letters
 - Who Jesus is
 - What He knows
 - How to respond
 - A warning
 - An exhortation
 - A promise

Christ's attitude toward the church

1. Jesus reveals Himself as the authority over all churches.
2. Jesus knows everything about His churches
3. Jesus loves His churches

Six Marks of Churches that Please Jesus

1. When they serve Jesus energetically
Romans 16:3, 6, 12
2. When their love for Christ flourishes
Matthew 22:37-39
1 Corinthians 13:1-3
3. When they preach and follow sound Biblical doctrine
Acts 20:28-30
4. When the Gospel is alive in them
1 Corinthians 15:3-4
5. When they repent when they need to

6. When they endure suffering but still cling to Jesus

So if Jesus wrote to our church directly, what would He say?