"The Holy Spirit-Empowered Church" Associate Pastor-Beck Payne June 15th, 2022

One of the greatest privileges for believers is our <u>adoption into the family of God</u> and our <u>opportunity to be a part of the Body and Bride of Jesus Christ- the Church.</u>

The Church is the <u>central figure</u> within the Kingdom of God.

Scriptures: Acts 20:28 (NLT); Ephesians 3:1-11 (NLT)

Seven Truths about Christ and His Church

- 1. Christ <u>died</u> for His Church.
- 2. Christ is the Head of His Church.
- 3. Christ will <u>build</u> His Church.
- 4. Christ's Church is the pillar and foundation of <u>truth.</u>

Scripture: I. Timothy 3:15 (NLT)

- 5. Christ is coming back for His Church.
- 6. Christ <u>continues His work</u> through the mission of His Church.

Scripture: John 14:9-17

7. Christ's Church is enabled and empowered from and with the Holy Spirit.

Scriptures: Luke 24:44-49 (NLT) ;Acts 1:1-4,8 (NLT) Acts 2:1-4 (NLT)

The Holy Spirit-Empowered Church is a Church...

- upon whom the Holy Spirit has breathed.
- full of transformed believers of Jesus Christ.

Scripture: (I. Cor. 4:20)

- where the teachings of Christ are lived out and disciples are being made.
- where the Holy Spirit is producing fruit in the lives of these transformed believers.

Scripture: Galatians 5:22-23

- whose members are walking in the holiness and fear of God.
- that is a <u>covenant community</u> of believers.
- of contributors not consumers.

Scripture: Ephesians 4:11-16 (NLT)

• <u>full of the love</u> of Jesus Christ.

Scripture: John 13:35 (NLT) I. John 3:18 (NLT)

• who boldly proclaims the truth.

Scripture: (I. Timothy 3:15) (NLT)

The Holy Spirit is who empowers the Church to "be" and "do" what the Church is to "become and accomplish"!"