

Southside Baptist Church  
Sunday Morning – 8-10-25  
Christianity 103 – Message 2 Part 9  
Life among believers.

1. Introduction:

a. Taking a look back:

- 1) As we continue our walk-through Acts, we witnessed –
- 2) God chose the word “church” to describe the gathering of His people in this age of grace.
  - a) “church” – “ekklesia” – “an assembly” or “called out ones.”
  - b) Called out of sin and pointless pursuits to recognize the high calling on our lives.
- 3) As “called out ones” we are to live out our faith separated from the world.
  - a) This is a sacred honor.
  - b) To be “separate” – separate yourself from evil and dedicate yourself to the service of God.
- 4) A new word for us – “functioning.”
  - a) The doing, the walking each day in light of our calling.

b. Taking a look ahead:

- 1) They were recognizing, understanding and accepting that they had been called out for a purpose. This resulted in them functioning thus learning to be the church.

2. Functioning part 2.

a. Remember.

- 1) To “function” – executing the high calling of your office.
- 2) These new believers are still living their daily lives but because of the change they are living differently.

b. New Testament Church is really a way of life.

- 1) What does this mean?
  - a) What you are learning here at Southside along with your personal Bible study should be impacting the way you live each day.
- 2) What I hope you see.
  - a) Functioning isn’t just about what happens here on Sunday’s but what is happening every moment of everyday in your life.
- 3) Consider Peter’s appeal for our new lives to be different because of Christ.
  - a) I Peter 1:13-16 –
  - b) Verse 13 – Our hope is in Jesus.
  - c) Verse 14 – As “called out ones” we are to live as children of obedience.
  - d) Verse 15 – The One who called us is holy. “Be ye holy” in all your conduct and daily living.
  - e) Application – This isn’t just about when we gather as the church, but -

3. Led by the Holy Spirit.

a. God’s purpose for the Holy Spirit again revealed.

- 1) The Holy Spirit – He will guide us in truth. John 14.
- 2) How did they know what to do?
- 3) Thank God for the Holy Spirit and His work in our life.

b. Without Him, we can do nothing. John 15:1-5

- 1) Do you know this command? Verse 4- “Abide in me.”
  - a) What is fruit?
- 2) Verse 5 – “without me you can do nothing.”

- c. Walking in the Spirit. Galatians 5:16
    - 1) "Walk in the Spirit and ye shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh."
      - a) Fruit of the Spirit versus the fruit of the flesh.
    - 2) Galatians 5:17 –
      - a) What is this war over?
      - b) You are actually choosing –
      - c) If you want to walk in the Spirit, then the Spirit needs –
    - 3) Paul reveals how this works. Ephesians 5:18 –
    - 4) Why would Paul use this as an illustration?
  - d. Why do this?
    - 1) Walking the Spirit really benefits –
    - 2) As I look back on my life, I don't regret walking in the Spirit, but I have many regrets from walking in the flesh.
  - e. This brings us to one final question.
    - 1) How can I know if I am walking in the Spirit and under the control of the Spirit?
      - a) If there is unconfessed sin in my life –
      - b) If there is no unconfessed sin in my life –
    - 2) Application –
4. Let's come to the table together.