

# When I'm Disappointed In The Church

**Scripture Reading:** 1 Corinthians 1:4-9

- A. It's not uncommon to hear people say something like, "I want Jesus, but not the church."
- B. My goal this morning is to help you grow in your love for and commitment to this local church.
- C. Why is this difficult? Because sometimes we become disappointed in the church.

## I. The Church, Her Leaders, And Disappointment

- A. "Do we personally know the \_\_\_\_\_?" (*Acts 20:28*)
- B. "How are we doing at \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ when a member of the flock is showing signs of weakness or has wandered away?" (*Matthew 18:12*)
- C. "How can we confront and dispel \_\_\_\_\_?" (*James 2:9*)
- D. "Have we communicated to the shy, the non-go-getters, the more reserved that we \_\_\_\_\_ them and want them to get \_\_\_\_\_?" (*1 Corinthians 12:21-22*)
- E. "Is it possible that we are more at \_\_\_\_\_ than we think?" (*James 1:19*)

## II. The Church, Her Members, And Disappointment

- A. "Am I \_\_\_\_\_ the gospel by my manner of life?" (*Titus 2:10*)
- B. "Am I nurturing the \_\_\_\_\_ aspect of congregational life?" (*Ephesians 2:19*)
- C. "Have I asked for \_\_\_\_\_?" (*Ecclesiastes 4:9-10*)
- D. "Have I overlooked \_\_\_\_\_ to become more connected?" (*Proverbs 18:24, KJV*)
- E. "If I really want to be loved and noticed, is creating \_\_\_\_\_ between myself and my brethren the wisest course of action?" (*Hebrews 10:24-25*)
- F. "Could I be more at \_\_\_\_\_ than I realize?" (*James 1:22-24*)

## III. Disappointment In The Church Is Bound To Happen

- A. The church is an indispensable part of God's plan for his people (*1 Peter 2:5*).
- B. The church is the body of Christ (*Ephesians 1:22*).
- C. The church is the bride of Christ (*Revelation 19:6-9*).
- D. Jesus gave his life for his church, and she is often imperfect, because she is made up of imperfect human beings.
- E. Disappointment doesn't have to destroy the unity of the body. God can use our hurts to help us mature (*Ephesians 4:13*).