

# The Imperfect Churches of the Perfect Christ

## Make Your Choice:

- Congregation #1 has an outspoken portion of members who are legalistically binding things on others that God has not bound, leading to serious controversy (\_\_\_\_\_ - *Acts 15:1, 5*)
- Congregation #2 is struggling with the tendency to quarrel with each other over matters of opinion (\_\_\_\_\_ - *Rom 14:1-4, 10-13*)
- Congregation #3 is arrogantly allowing sexual immorality that would make the most worldly unbeliever blush to go on unchecked among their membership (\_\_\_\_\_ - *1 Cor 5:1-2*)
- Congregation #4 is on the brink of deserting Jesus and the call of God's grace by turning to a different gospel (\_\_\_\_\_ - *Gal 1:6-7*)
- Congregation #5 has more than one overseer on the pathway to departure from the truth and leading the church into division (\_\_\_\_\_ - *Acts 20:28-30*)
- Congregation #6 has two female members whose struggle to get along has gotten so bad that they're being called out by name (\_\_\_\_\_ - *Phil 4:2-3*)
- Congregation #7 has members whose unwillingness to let go of human teachings is leading to what the apostle Paul would describe as "self-made religion" (\_\_\_\_\_ - *Col 2:20-23*)
- Congregation #8 contains a number of brethren who would rather consistently mooch off the other members of the congregation than work (\_\_\_\_\_ - *2 Thes 3:6-11*)
- Congregation #9 has members who do not understand the things about which they are confidently speaking and are swerving away from sound doctrine (\_\_\_\_\_ - *1 Tim 1:3-7*)
- Congregation #10 has empty talkers and deceivers who need to be silenced because they are capsizing the faith of entire families in the church (\_\_\_\_\_ - *Tit 1:10-14*)
- Congregation #11 has a bully who is so fixated on "it's my way or the highway" that he has become a local church tyrant (\_\_\_\_\_ - *3 John 9-10*)

## Important Observations:

1. Not one of these churches \_\_\_\_\_ represented the will of the perfect Christ.
2. Churches are messy because they are made up of \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Every church—ancient and modern—is a \_\_\_\_\_ in progress.
4. The perfect Christ specializes in working with people who realize their ongoing \_\_\_\_\_ for him.
5. When I realize my ongoing need for him, I will persistently "draw near to \_\_\_\_\_ him."
6. When we properly recognize who he is and who we are, we will \_\_\_\_\_ to him.
7. We don't have to \_\_\_\_\_ what submission sounds like, looks like, or acts like.
8. Our standard is not ourselves or other local churches, but \_\_\_\_\_ revealed will.
9. If we will listen, trust, submit, and follow the lead of our perfect King, he will lead us to \_\_\_\_\_!