

The Transformed Church

Philippians 3:16

Philippians 3:16 – let us live up to what we have already attained. (NIV)

I. What does a **transformed** church look like?

A. The church is described as a **building**.

Ephesians 2:20-22 – ²⁰having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the corner stone, ²¹in whom the whole building, being fitted together, is growing into a holy temple in the Lord, ²²in whom you also are being built together into a dwelling of God in the Spirit. (NASB)

In a building, the connected parts **support** each other.

B. The church is described as a **body**.

Romans 12:4-5 – ⁴Now as we have many parts in one body, and all the parts do not have the same function, ⁵in the same way we who are many are one body in Christ and individually members of one another. (CSB)

In a body, the connected parts **grow** together.

C. The church is described as a **flock**.

John 10:11-13 – ¹¹“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²The hired hand is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. ¹³The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. (NIV)

In flock, the sheep are **cared for**.

D. The church is described as a **family**.

Romans 12:10 – Love one another deeply as brothers and sisters. Outdo one another in showing honor. (CSB)

In a family, the members **love** each other.

II. Why should I be transformed in my **role** at church?

A. Out of **obedience**.

B. For **fellowship**.

Hebrews 10:23-25 – ²³Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. ²⁴And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, ²⁵not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching. (NIV)

C. To be under **authority**.

1 Thessalonians 5:12-13 – ¹²Now we ask you, brothers and sisters, to acknowledge those who work hard among you, who care for you in the Lord and who admonish you. ¹³Hold them in the highest regard in love because of their work. Live in peace with each other. (NIV)

D. It gives you **identity**.

E. It exemplifies **loyalty**.

F. Offers you a place to express your **gifts**.

III. How does being transformed **build** the future?

1 Peter 2:12 – Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us. (NIV)

Thought For The Week:

How can I become more **transformed** at Bethel this year?

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