

Do You Love The Church?

Ephesians 5:25-27 (NIV)

²⁵ Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her
²⁶ to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word,
²⁷ and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle
or any other blemish, but holy and blameless.

**Do you love the church enough to clean yourself up,
so that you can help clean up the church?**

1 Peter 1:21-22 (NCV)

²¹ Through Christ you believe in God, who raised Christ from the dead and gave him
glory. So your faith and your hope are in God.
²² Now that you have made your souls pure by obeying the truth, you can have true love
for your Christian brothers and sisters. So love each other deeply with all your heart.

**We must have such changed lives
that the world can't deny it.**

To be an uncommon church, we must...

- 1. Believe we have an uncommon God.**
- 2. Have Faith that our uncommon God
is fulfilling His plan to restore us to Him
and for His Glory?**

**-Whatever we are going through in our lives,
if we are having a hard time,
or on top of the world,
we are where God wants us to be.
Maybe it's for our refinement
or maybe to bless someone else, but God is in control.**

To be an uncommon church, we must...

3. Understand, to have an uncommon church, we must be uncommon individuals.

a. Men who are willing to take risks (You will get dirty!)

b. Meeting the needs of people in the church and the community.

c. Men who will speak up for God, stand up for the harassed, and defend the defenseless.

4. We have to have an uncommon love for each other.

-we must love more than the world.

-we need to notice others.

-we need to see the needs of others, and meet them.

-we need to look past offences, and forgive .

-we need to understand that we all have been wounded.

ALL OF US!! I believe we should try to understand the wounded, and help to heal these wounds.