

“Church the Way it Oughta Be”

Acts 4:23-35

Message: “Church the Way it Oughta Be”

I. What Makes up a Unified Church?

1. A Unified Church Must be Made up of **Born Again Believers**
2. A Unified Church Must be Made up of **Praying Believers**
3. A Unified Church Must be Made up of **Assembled Believers**

Hebrew 10:19-25 “Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, **20** By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh; **21** And *having* an high priest over the house of God; **22** Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water. **23** Let us hold fast the profession of *our* faith without wavering; (for he *is* faithful that promised;) **24** And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: **25** Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some *is*; but exhorting *one another*: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.”

4. A Unified Church Must be Made up of **Spirit Filled Believers**

II. What is the Result of a Unified Church?

1. A Unified Church Will **Speak the Word of God with Boldness**

Acts 13:46 “Then Paul and Barnabas waxed bold, and said, It was necessary that the word of God should first have been spoken to you: but seeing ye put it from you, and judge yourselves unworthy of everlasting life, lo, we turn to the Gentiles.”

Ephesians 6:19-20 “And for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel, **20** For which I am an ambassador in bonds: that therein I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.”

2. A Unified Church Will **Edify One Another**

John 17:20-21 “Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word;**21** That they all may be one; as thou, Father, *art* in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.”

3. A Unified Church Will **Support Church Leadership**

III. The Application

1. Conduct a Self Evaluation
2. Recommit Ourselves to Christ’s Church