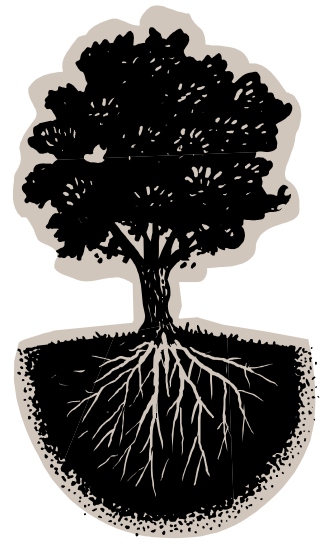




'Back to Basics for Believers Series'

Sermons in the Epistle to the Philippians



Message 1 - The Marks of a Healthy Church Philippians 1: 1 - 2

In this opening greeting in Paul's letter to the Philippians, there are many lessons that can be seen with regards to a healthy church. The Gospel is at the heart of our dealings one with another, and the Lord Jesus Christ should be the central foundation upon which everything is built. Just to remind you of those marks:

- 1. A Healthy Church Disciples Young People** – cares for young people, relationships between mature believers and the young are incredibly important.
- 2. A Healthy Church Serves Christ** – as a slave to Christ, a very privileged position bestowed by the grace of God. Serving means sacrifice.
- 3. A Healthy Church is Full of True Saints** – Set apart because of God's favour. A saint is nothing more than a sinner who has been saved by grace.
- 4. A Healthy has Leaders who Lead By Example** – Leaders in the local church are incredibly important, and need to be those who lead by example, a Christ-like example. The church needs to be lead in a biblical framework.
- 5. A Healthy Church Experiences Grace and Peace** – Grace and peace are manifestations of God's blessing to both the individual and the church. Peace being a result of the grace of God freely bestowed upon His people.

So we looked at these, and should be praying that God would grant that these marks would be evident in our own church here to His honour praise and glory.



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