

# Christlike Community: 5 things healthy churches believe



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(Joh 17:20) “I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word,

(Joh 17:21) that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me.

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(Joh 17:22) The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one,

(Joh 17:23) I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me.

(Joh 13:35) By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.” - Jesus



## Apostle Paul

(Eph 4:1) I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord,  
urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the  
calling to which you have been called,

(Eph 4:2) with all humility and gentleness, with  
patience, bearing with one another in love,

(Eph 4:3) eager to maintain the unity of the  
Spirit in the bond of peace.

John writes

(1Jn 2:10) Whoever loves his brother abides in the light, and in him there is no cause for stumbling.

(1Jn 3:16) By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers.

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(Mat 5:23) So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you,

(Mat 5:24) leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.



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(Mat 18:15) “If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother.



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(Pro 12:18) There is one whose rash words are like sword thrusts, but the tongue of the wise brings healing.

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(Gal 5:22) But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,

(Gal 5:23) gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.



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- 1) Jesus loved through sin, as a result people turned from sin.

(Mat 9:37) Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few;  
(Mat 9:38) therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”

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(Gal 1:10) For am I now seeking the approval of man, or of God? Or am I trying to please man? If I were still trying to please man, I would not be a servant of Christ.

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(Luk 18:11) The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector.

(Luk 18:12) I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.'



(Luk 18:13) But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!'

(Luk 18:14) I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted."

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(Col 3:12) Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience,

(Col 3:13) bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.



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