BASIC MESSAGE June 10, 2007

(The Local Church)

When God looks upon His church He does not just see individuals who have entered into a relationship with Him by making Him Lord and Savior. He sees a group a people He has called to live in **fellowship** with Him and with one another (1 John 1:1-3). This is true universally and locally. God's church is made up of people who are truly born again. They have fallen in love with Jesus and live to do His will. Because they know Jesus they have fellowship with God, and one another. The Local Church was *never intended* to be a church or churches given over to a particular denominational, sectarian, or personal belief. It was *intended* to be a community of people who live lives surrendered to God, and in **fellowship** with one another regardless of their different understandings of scripture. God's word tells us The Local Church is to be *a family not an organization*; living in life changing relationship with Him and each other. Out of this **fellowship** they are to work as a spirit led team spreading The Good News of The Kingdom, and establishing it in the hearts of men. (Philippians 1:27)

When He comes He will have A Church without spot or blemish. A people who live in fellowship with one another, and whose lives reflect Jesus. He is calling His people to **REPENT** of allowing their denominational, sectarian, and personal differences to separate them. He is calling His people to live in **fellowship** with Him and one another. If we will judge ourselves we will escape His chastisement. If we do not **REPENT** He will chasten us in His love so we will become what He wants us to be.

BASIC QUESTION: His question to you is, "will you answer the call? Will you try to live in obedient fellowship with Him and fellow believers regardless of denominational, sectarian, and personal differences? Will you spend your life seeking to fulfill His purpose for you, spreading The Good News of The Kingdom, and establishing it in the hearts of men?"

If you would like to know more about how to live in *fellowship* with other believers please contact us.

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