

THE
PERFECT CHURCH



Where Do We Find The Perfect Church?

Jerusalem?

- Liars (5:1-11); Widows neglected (6:1)

Antioch?

- Prejudice (Gal. 2:11-13)

Galatia?

- Some deserted for a different gospel (Gal. 1:6-8)

Thessalonica?

- Laziness and needed to be disciplined (2 Thess. 3:6)

Corinth?

- Division, Lawsuits, Worship problems etc (1 Cor.)

Ephesus?

- Left first love (Rev. 2:4)



The Perfect Church

- **Has the Proper Attitude (Eph. 4:1-3)**
 - Paul exemplifies the spirit that ought to characterize us (:1a)
 - We need to have humility, gentleness, longsuffering (:2-3)
 - We must be diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (:3)
- **Has the Proper Foundation (Eph. 4:4-6)**
 - Jesus Christ is the only foundation (1 Cor. 3:11)
 - How can one spirit be divided? One Lord? One hope? One faith?

The Perfect Church

- Has the Proper Leadership (Eph. 4:7-11)
 - The apostles and prophets were the means of revealing God's will
 - Evangelists, pastors, teachers are part of God's purpose for delivering His word
- Has the Proper Growth (Eph. 4:12ff)
 - God intended that the saints be equipped
 - The irony/paradox is that the church is what it ought to be when it is growing toward what it ought to be.
 - Truth spoken in love is a key to the growth that God intends

“that which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ” (1 John 1:3)