

SERMON NOTES

Date: February 16, 2020

Series: God's Riches

Title: The Fullness of Christ in the Church

Text: Ephesians 1:22-23

Big Idea: The church is the place where God has chosen to most profoundly display the glory of Christ.

APPLICATION GUIDE

REVIEW THE SERMON

List a few distorted pictures of the church that are common in people's thinking today?

How is the biblical picture of the church different?

APPLY THE TRUTH

Of the distorted pictures of the church above, which one are you most susceptible to believe? Explain why.

Think about the head in relationship to the body. How do they function together? How is this an analogy of the kind of relationship Christ has with his church?

Christ is glorified in the church when every member of the body is *connected* to the head (John 15:5). How can you keep yourself from becoming a disconnected or amputated member of the body?

The members of Christ's body respond to his initiative (John 15:14). In what ways is Christ asking you to *respond* to him in the life of the church? What fears, doubts, or insecurities do you have that may keep you from responding to him as you should? How will you respond in faith rather than in fear?

How can the church do a better job *caring* for each member of the body (1 Corinthians 12:24-25)? What is your role in this? What steps do you need to take to care for Christ by caring for his people?

Because Christ suffered, members of his body can expect to *suffer* as well. How can you resist the urge to live cautiously within safe limits as a member of his body (Romans 8:17-18)?

One day Christ's body will be *glorified* with him (Philippians 3:20-21; 1 John 3:2). How does this promise provide the motivation you need to remain committed to God's plan for the church?

COMMIT THIS WEEK

Pray that God would fill Riverview with the fullness of Christ and that as he does, he would fill our community with Christ as well.