

A large tree stands in the center of a landscape. The left side of the tree is bare and dark, while the right side is lush with vibrant green leaves. The ground to the left is cracked and brown, while the ground to the right is a rolling green hill. The sky is filled with dramatic, dark clouds on the left and lighter, blue clouds on the right, with a bright light source breaking through the clouds on the right side.

A NEW SEASON

“a new season of
expressing
our core values
and
what we’re called to do”

devotion to
Jesus as Savior
and Lord

an active
and ongoing
experience of
life with the
Spirit

unyielding
commitment
to Scripture as
the source
of truth

inside-out
transformation
by the Spirit
through the
Word

each and
every believer
is a vital part
of Christ's
body

“Even before this town was founded, I had ordained this place in the earth to be a place where My power could be found in abundance, for I have chosen this people and I have put My name in this place that there would be a glory that would radiate from here....”

October 15, 1991

“Prepare to become a place where the glory of God does not just come to visit **but rather where the glory of God comes to dwell.**”

January 29, 2019

In him you also are being
built together into a dwelling
place for God by the Spirit.

Ephesians 2:22 ESV

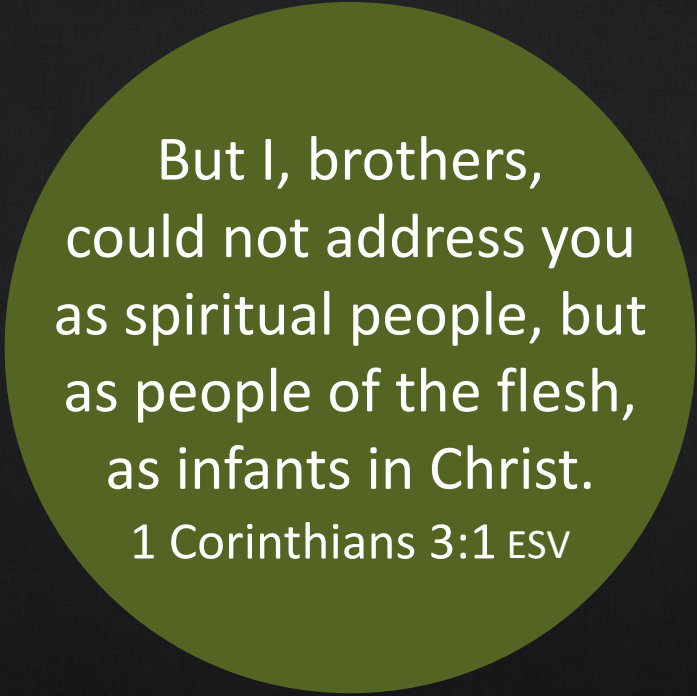
relational
holiness

Therefore I, the prisoner in the Lord,
urge you to walk worthy
of the calling you have received...
³ making every effort to keep the unity
of the Spirit through the bond of peace.

Ephesians 4:1,3 CSB

moral
holiness

To become and remain a people and a place upon whom the glory of God does not just come to visit, but rather upon whom the glory of God comes to dwell, will require a sufficiently large percentage of truly mature believers who walk in relational and moral holiness, *and* who “make every effort” to protect the church family against the divisive strategies of the kingdom of darkness, as well as the selfish ambition and divisive behavior of people.



But I, brothers,
could not address you
as spiritual people, but
as people of the flesh,
as infants in Christ.

1 Corinthians 3:1 ESV

three common destroyers of the unity of the Spirit

a divisive
person

“a bitter
spirit” that,
as it spreads,
chokes out
the bond of
peace

“bitter
jealousy
and selfish
ambition”

If it's possible,
as far as you can,
live at peace with
all people.

Romans 12:18 NTE

“a bitter
spirit” that,
as it spreads,
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peace

Let it be your ambition to live at peace with all men and to achieve holiness “without which no man shall see the Lord”. Be careful that none of you fails to respond to the grace which God gives, for if he does there can very easily spring up in him a bitter spirit which is not only bad in itself but can also poison the lives of many others.

Hebrews 12:14-15 PHILLIPS

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Put on then,
as God's chosen ones,
holy and beloved,
compassionate hearts,
kindness,
humility,
meekness,
and patience,

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.

Colossians 3:12-13 ESV

But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. ¹⁰ For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities.

For when I am weak, then I am strong.

2 Corinthians 12:9-10 ESV

“You have heard
that it was said, ‘You
shall love your neighbor
and hate your enemy.’

⁴⁴ But I say to you, Love
your enemies and pray for
those who persecute you,
⁴⁵ so that you may be sons
of your Father who
is in heaven.”

Matthew 5:43-45a

Never let
evil defeat you,
but defeat evil
with good.

Romans 12:21 TPT

When he was
insulted, he did not
insult in return. When
he suffered, he made
no threats. Instead, he
entrusted himself to him
who judges justly.

1 Peter 2:23 EHV

This is the kind of life you've been invited into,
the kind of life Christ lived. He suffered everything
that came his way so you would know that it could
be done, and also know how to do it, step-by-step.

He never did one thing wrong,
Not once said anything amiss.

They called him every name in the book and
he said nothing back. He suffered in silence,
content to let God set things right.

1 Peter 2:21-23a THE MESSAGE

Remind them to be submissive to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready for every good work, ² to speak evil of no one, to avoid quarreling, to be gentle, and to show perfect courtesy toward all people. ³ For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures, passing our days in malice and envy, hated by others and hating one another. ⁴ But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, ⁵ he saved us....

Titus 3:1-5a ESV

...put on the new self, created after the likeness
of God in true righteousness and holiness.

Ephesians 4:24 ESV

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