

An Irresistible Church



Mark 8:34-38 NIV

“Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it. What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of them when he comes in his Father’s glory with the holy angels.”

Romans 1:14-17 NIV

“I am obligated both to Greeks and non-Greeks, both to the wise and the foolish. That is why I am so eager to preach the gospel also to you who are in Rome. For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile. For in the gospel the righteousness of God is revealed—a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written:
“The righteous will live by faith.”

**Trait 1: An Irresistible Church
Hungers for the Presence of God.**

- Amos 5:4 “This is what the Lord says to Israel: “Seek me and live;”
- Zechariah 4:6: So he said to me, “This is the word of the Lord to Zerubbabel: ‘Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit,’ says the Lord Almighty
- Matthew 18:20 “For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.”

**Trait 2: An Irresistible Church
Remembers Who She Is.**

- James 1:25 “But whoever looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues in it—**not forgetting** what they have heard, but **doing it**—they will be blessed in what they **do.**”
- Galatians 5:1 “It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. **Stand firm**, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.”
- Ephesians 6:14 “**Stand firm** then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place.”

Trait 3: An Irresistible Church
Lives Heart First.

-John 13:34 “A new command I give you: **Love one another**. As I have loved you, so you must **love one another**”

-Romans 12:10 “Be devoted to **one another in love**. Honor **one another** above yourselves.”

-Isaiah 58:6-9

Trait 4: An Irresistible Church
Practices Gratefulness.

- 1 Chronicles 16:34 “**Give thanks to the Lord**, for he is good; his love endures forever.”
- Jeremiah 33:10-11 “This is what the Lord says: ‘You say about this place, “It is a desolate waste, without people or animals.” Yet in the towns of Judah and the streets of Jerusalem that are deserted, inhabited by neither people nor animals, there will be heard once more the sounds of joy and gladness, the voices of bride and bridegroom, and the voices of those who bring thank offerings to the house of the Lord, saying, “**Give thanks to the Lord Almighty, for the Lord is good; his love endures forever.**” For I will restore the fortunes of the land as they were before,’ says the Lord.”
- 1 Corinthians 15:57 “But **thanks be to God!** He **gives us the** victory through our **Lord Jesus Christ.**”

**Trait 5: An Irresistible Church
Is Always Growing.**

-2 Thessalonians 1:3 “We ought always to thank God for you, brothers and sisters, and rightly so, because your faith is **growing** more and more, and the love all of you have for one another is increasing.”

-2 Peter 3:18 “But **grow** in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen”

Trait 6: An Irresistible Church
Promotes Spiritual Self-Feeding.

-Psalms 119:10-12 **“I seek you** with all my heart; do not let me stray from your commands. **I have hidden** your word in my heart that **I might not sin** against you Praise be to you, Lord; **teach me your decrees.**”

-Luke 9:23-24 “Then he said to them all: “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and **take up their cross daily** and follow me. **24** For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will save it”

**Trait 7: An Irresistible Church
Connects Everything to a Soul.**

-Mark 4:21-25 “He said to them, “Do you bring in a lamp to put it under a bowl or a bed? Instead, don’t you put it on its stand? For whatever **is hidden is meant to be disclosed**, and whatever is **concealed is meant to be brought out into the open**. If anyone has ears to hear, let them hear.” “Consider carefully what you hear,” he continued. “With the measure you use, it will be measured to you—and even more. Whoever has will be given more; whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them.”

-Luke 9:10 “For the Son of Man came **to seek and to save the lost.**”

**Trait 8: An Irresistible Church
Takes Risks.**

-Philippians 3:12-14 “Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but **I press on** to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: **Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal** to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.”

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