

New Life Christian Fellowship

When I say "the church" what image do you see? A magnificent building, or a broken down ruin. Do you think of incomprehensible hymns, pious priests, boring sermons, Sunday best with fancy hair doos? Is that how you see the church? Boring, irrelevant, hypocritical! YUK!

Jesus, the cornerstone of "The Church" was none of these things, apart from magnificent. Jesus attracted crowds of people. Some so desperate to see him that they tore open roofs just to get near. Jesus was homeless for his final three years. He did teach in the synagogues but his visits to the temple threatened his life, especially when he went in there and trashed the place!

But why did he do this? Because "religion" was shutting people off from the love of God. Don't get me wrong, Jesus is not against God's Laws, he is the fulfilment of God's Laws. What Jesus hates is hypocritical people who look good on the outside but are like useless old tombs, with customs and traditions that are out of date, cutting people off from a new and exciting life with Jesus.

Jesus wants *real* people for his followers. Fisherman Peter, who denied he knew Jesus 3 times because of fear, was chosen by Jesus. Jesus said: "Now I say to you that you are Peter (which means 'rock'), And upon this rock I will build my church, and all the powers of hell will not conquer it." Matthew 16:18

The real church of Jesus is us, the believers and not a building. We are all Priests and Temples of the Holy Spirit. We are the Bride Of Christ and we are the reason Jesus died.

So, what should The Church look like? By the power of God's Spirit in all believers, The Church, we should look like Love.

We, the church, should be the bringer of Peace, the pinnacle of Patience. With the face of Kindness and Goodness, we should Gently but Faithfully provide love, hope and justice to this broken world, with total self control. Then people would see the power of Jesus and crowds would gather to find him once again. We have a long way to go!

New Life Christian Fellowship meet at Kilgetty Community Centre, 10.45am on Sundays.

Why not give us a call if you want someone to talk to or would like us to pray for you: 01834 831533/07827 293781