

THE ESSENTIALS

Case in Point

Definition of case in point: an illustrative, relevant, or pertinent case. “one of a group or collection that shows what the whole is like”

Matthew 16:18 “And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.

The Greek word for Church here is ekklēsia

.a gathering of citizens called out from their homes into some public place, an assembly.

The life, health, and mission of the Church are far more valuable and eternally significant than the average “church-goer” realizes.

When we lose sight of the essentials, we drift away from the original blueprint of what the Church is all about.

Essentials = Absolutely necessary, indispensable, the essence or the heart & soul of the matter.

Ephesians 2:21-22 in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, 22 in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

1 Peter 2:5 you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

The church is to be the habitation of the Holy Spirit.

When the Church comes together in unity there is a commanded blessing.

Acts 20:28 “Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood.

It's always been God's plan to have a People and a place for God to meet with them.

Adam and Eve were God's people and the place was the garden.

God told Moses to build a tabernacle in the wilderness so He could meet with His people.

Exodus 29:42-46 “This shall be a continual burnt offering throughout your generations

at the door of the tabernacle of meeting before the LORD, where I will meet you to speak with you. 43 “And there I will meet with the children of Israel, and the tabernacle shall be sanctified by My glory. 44 “So I will consecrate the tabernacle of meeting and the altar. I will also consecrate both Aaron and his sons to minister to Me as priests. 45 “I will dwell among the children of Israel and will be their God. 46 “And they shall know that I am the LORD their God, who brought them up out of the land of Egypt, that I may dwell among them. I am the LORD their God.

ESSENTIAL #1 Worship

Living a life of worship.

ESSENTIAL #2 SANCTIFICATION

Sanctification is the progressive disconnection from sin.

2 Corinthians 3:18 But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.

ESSENTIAL #3 IDENTITY

1 Peter 2:9 But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;

We are the redeemed of the Lord.

ESSENTIAL # 4 THE FIRE

Lev 6:13 'A fire shall always be burning on the altar; it shall never go out.

We are to live in a place where the fire of God is released in our lives consistently.

None of these ESSENTIALS are possible without feeding your soul on the WORD.

9 Practical Ways to Feed Your Soul with the Word of God

1. Hear the Word of God
2. Read the Bible
3. Study the Bible
4. Memorize Scripture
5. Meditate on God's Word
6. Pray through Scripture
7. Sing Scripture
8. Obey God's Word
9. Share God's Word

Revelation 21:2-6 Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. 3 And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He

will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God. 4 “And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away.” 5 Then He who sat on the throne said, “Behold, I make all things new.” And He said to me, “Write, for these words are true and faithful.” 6 And He said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. I will give of the fountain of the water of life freely to him who thirsts.

Revelation 2:4,5 “I know your works, your labor, your patience, and that you cannot bear those who are evil. And you have tested those who say they are apostles and are not, and have found them liars; 3 “and you have persevered and have patience, and have labored for My name’s sake and

have not become weary. 4 “Nevertheless I have this against you, that you have left your first love. 5 “Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent and do the first works, or else I will come to you quickly and remove your lampstand from its place—unless you repent.

We are to be a lamp-stand penetrating the works of darkness.

Healings, deliverance, salvation, restoration and discipleship and partnership.

That’s the CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST that the gates of hell will not prevail over.