



# The Resolved Church

## A Theology of Sunday Worship Service

### The Church

I. Who the Church is - *The Church is the bride, flock and body of Jesus Christ (Eph 5:25; 1 Pet 5:4; Eph 1:22-23). The church is local expression of true Israel as the people of God who have believed in the gospel throughout all time (Rom 2:28-29; 9:6; 1 Pet 2:4-10). The church manifests itself in a particular city where a community of individual believers regularly gathers and scatters within the city in a pursuit of God's glory (Acts 1:8).*

II. The Church on Sundays - *The Church is not a building or a business or an event that happens once a week but extends to all areas of our lives, which is all worship in varied forms both individually and communally. The Church worships collectively on Sundays, to honor Jesus' resurrection since it is the day of the week he rose from the dead. The Church worships collectively by devoting themselves to the apostle's teaching, the breaking of bread, singing songs, praying, serving God and serving each other (Acts 2:42; Eph 5:19; 1 Pet 4:10).*

III. The Church Serves - *The Church is a group of servants who serve God, each other, and the city. On Sunday collective worship, the apostles of Scripture teach there are two kinds of services of which neither is more important than the other and of which the two ought not be fused: the service of preaching and the service of operational processes (Acts 6:2; 1 Pet 4:10-11). For a church plant who does not yet own or 7 days a week lease their own space in San Diego, operational processes include everything having to do with sound & music technologies and setting up & tearing down.*

### The Church's Service on Sunday's

- I. We serve following the leadership of Jesus, our chief pastor.
  - Mark 10:45 *"The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."*
  - 1 Peter 5:4 *"When the chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory."*
- II. We serve with a continual dependence on God.
  - A. God provides the strength to serve
    - 1 Peter 4:10-11 *"Each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ."*
  - B. Burnout is prevented from the Word burning within
    - Luke 24:32 *"They said to each other, 'Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he (Jesus) opened to us the Scriptures?'"*
- III. We serve with a commitment to be eagerly driven for God's glory.
  - A. The elder's example of service is for all to follow: 1 Peter 5:1-2 *"As a partaker in the glory that is going to be revealed: shepherd the flock of God that is among you, exercising oversight, not under compulsion, but willingly, as God would have you; not for shameful gain, but eagerly."*

B. Extremes we want to avoid.

1. Serving for one's own glory (1 Pet 5:1a).
  - Pride in a gift or an ability will be a disservice to Jesus' church and does not allow one to partake in God's glory. Thus, we are slow to grant leadership roles, and quick to admit supporting roles.
2. Serving because you feel guilty (1 Pet 5:2a).
  - Compulsion includes service either because one feels guilty or because one feels guilty about an area of sin in their life they are attempting to counter-balance. This type of service will only breed discontent and bitterness toward Jesus' Church.
3. Serving in an abuse of grace (1 Pet 5:2b).
  - Shamful gain abuses God's grace because one then only serves when it suits them. This type of service includes not following through with one's commitment and extends to things such as showing up to serve when expected and showing up to serve on time.

IV. We serve with a Sabbath principle of rest through scheduled rotations of ministry participation.

- A. God exemplified rest for us to follow.
  - *Genesis 2:3 "God rested from all the work he had done in creation."*
- B. God commanded us to take times of God-focused rest.
  - *Exodus 16:23 "This is what the Lord has commanded: 'Tomorrow is a day of solemn rest, a holy Sabbath to the Lord.'"*
- C. Jesus exemplified God-focused rest.
  - *Matthew 14:23 "And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray."*
- D. Jesus' example is for us to follow.
  - *John 13:15 "For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you."*
- E. Rest is not rest from God but rejuvenation from God through Jesus and His Church.
  - *Isaiah 40:31 "They who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength."*

*(service covenant on following page)*

## **The Resolved Church Service Covenant**

**With the help of the Holy Spirit the church leadership covenants the following:**

1. *We commit to ensure the regular gathering for collective worship as The Church.*
2. *We commit to ensure the collective worship service includes study of the apostle's teaching, the breaking of bread, singing songs, praying, serving God and serving each other.*
3. *We commit to have as many people as possible involved in the regular operational processes required for having a collective worship service.*
4. *We commit to regularly give opportunities of rest to those committed to serving.*

**With the help of the Holy Spirit, I, the undersigned, covenant the following:**

1. *I commit to worshipping Jesus Christ as the chief pastor, husband, and head of His Church.*
2. *I commit to protect the preacher from neglecting that role in order to also serve in the operational processes.*
3. *I commit to serve with the strength that God provides and to seek his provision through having his Word burn in our hearts and through regularly resting from service to focus on God.*
4. *I commit to serving neither for my own glory, serving out of guilt, or serving out of shameful gain by neglecting my commitment without notification.*

God enabling me, I will strive to fulfill my commitment to this Service Covenant. I understand it is my responsibility to notify The Resolved Church Sunday Service leadership within ample time before Sunday if I cannot fulfill my commitment in any way.

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_

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