

# 5 CHARACTERISTICS OF A DYNAMIC CHURCH

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Colossians 1:1-8

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## ***MATTHEW 16:18***

***“...and on this rock I will build my church,  
and the gates of Hell will not overcome it.”***

***– Jesus***

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# COLOSSIANS 1:2

*...to the holy and faithful in Christ in  
Colosse.*

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People who live a holy life.

## MARK 5:18-19

***18 As Jesus was getting into the boat, the man who had been demon-possessed begged to go with him.***

***19 Jesus did not let him, but said, “Go home to your family and tell them how***

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## MARK 5 1:18-19

*much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you.” So the man went away and began to tell how much Jesus had done for him. And all the people were amazed.*

**People who possess a passionate faith.**

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# **COLOSSIANS 1:4**

***because we have heard of your faith in  
Christ Jesus...***

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**People who have an inclusive love.**

# **COLOSSIANS 1:4**

***and the love you have for all the saints.***

# **COLOSSIANS 1:8**

***...your love in the Spirit.***

## **ROMANS 12:9-10 (NLT)**

***Don't just pretend to love others. Really love them. Hate what is wrong. Hold tightly to what is good. Love each other with genuine affection...***

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## **JAMES 2:1-4 (MESSAGE)**

***My dear friends, don't let public opinion influence how you live out our glorious, Christ-originated faith. If a man enters your church wearing an expensive suit, and a street person comes in right after him, and you say to the man in the suit***

## **JAMES 2:1-4 (MESSAGE)**

***“Sit here sir; this is the best seat in the house!” and either ignore the street person or say “Better sit here in the back row,” haven’t you segregated God’s children and proved that you are judges who can’t be trusted.***

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***The church has always got to be this  
inclusive trauma center for wounded  
people who live in the real world.***

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**People who embrace the truth.**



## **COLOSSIANS 1:6**

***(the gospel) that has come to you. All over the world this gospel is bearing fruit and growing, just as it has been doing among you since the day you heard it and understood God's grace in all its truth.***

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# **1 CORINTHIANS 1:18**

***For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.***

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***“Be transformed by the renewing of your  
mind.” - Paul***

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**People who are motivated by hope.**

## COLOSSIANS 1:5

*– the faith and love that spring from the hope that is stored up for you in heaven and that you have already heard about in the word of truth...*

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## **ROMANS 8:17**

***– ...if indeed we share in His sufferings in order that we may also share in His glory.***

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## ***ECCLESIASTES 3:11***

***– ... He has also set eternity in the human heart.***

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What now?

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