

## Real People

### III: A \_\_\_\_\_ People

A real church isn't made of people who have it all together and therefore think they have no real need of Jesus. Rather, a real church comprises of ...

- A. real \_\_\_\_\_ : v3
  
  - B. with the same \_\_\_\_\_ : v3
  
  - C. who have found \_\_\_\_\_ : v4
  
  - D. and offered the same \_\_\_\_\_ : 5-7
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Friends, through our brokenness people can see Christ's beauty. It's a beautiful thing when people see how Christ fixes and heals broken lives.

It's a beautiful thing when people see the greatness of God ... how He took a small group of broken people like us and ...

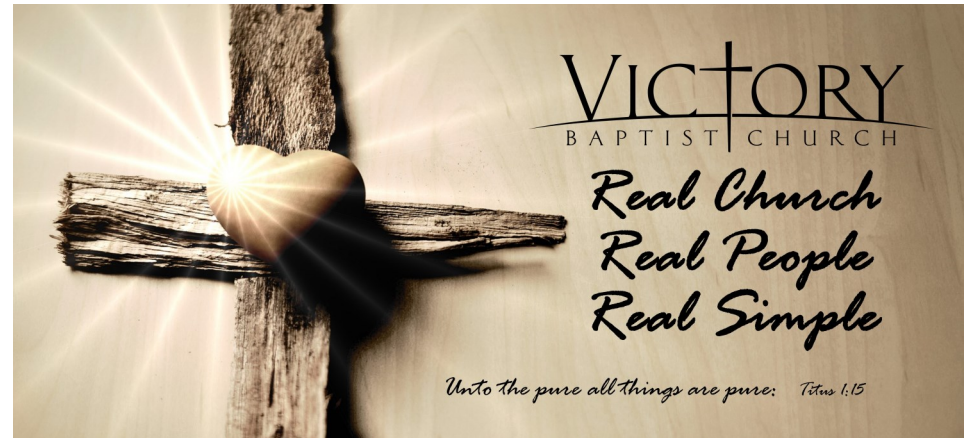
- saved us ... *not by our works of righteousness but by His mercy and grace ...*
- given us a new nature ... by way of a new birth through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Ghost
- and that by the Holy Spirit's working in our lives, we stand as a testimony of the power of God to save us, help us, and use us in this wicked and dark world.

When people walk through the doors of VBC, the message that we want to communicate is the beauty of Christ. Certainly we don't have it all figured out but we know the One who promises to help us figure it out as we go.

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### The Book of Titus

Last week we discovered some aspects of a real church. As we continue to reach out into our community to help people discover God's Son, Jesus Christ we want to make sure that our church properly reflects Jesus Christ in all that we do.

This week, we are going to discover that a real church is made up of real people, who have experienced real challenges such as sin, hardship, tribulation, death, but trusted in a real Savior, who is Jesus Christ, for help.

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### I: An \_\_\_\_\_ of People

A church is not the building but rather it is an assortment of people assembling in the building.

A. \_\_\_\_\_: 1:10-12

- ... means unapproved / worthless

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B. \_\_\_\_\_: 1:6-9

In order to deal with the reprobate God uses the pastor, the one He has called to the church, to stop the mouths of those who teach what they ought not teach.

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C. \_\_\_\_\_: 2:2, 2:6-8

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D. \_\_\_\_\_: 2:3-5

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E. \_\_\_\_\_: 2:9-3:2

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While not all churches have open reprobates at any given time, certainly all people fall into one of more of these categories. And the point is ... the real church is made up of an assortment of real people.

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### II: \_\_\_\_\_ for the People

Paul gives Titus some directives for the entire congregation to follow.

A. \_\_\_\_\_

Throughout Titus we find a theme of preaching, teaching, and learning. From Titus being taught by Paul, the new elders being taught by Titus, the congregations being taught by the new elders, young men and women being taught by aged men and women ... the theme of discipleship is prevalent.

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B. \_\_\_\_\_

Much like discipleship, submission is also a theme of Titus. The congregation is directed to submit to sound doctrine, women are told to submit to their husbands, servants are instructed to submit and obey their masters.

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C. \_\_\_\_\_ 3:8

Serving Christ is about serving others and it is God's desire that every Christian serve Him in some capacity by serving others.

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Paul gave Titus some very clear directives in exactly how to set things in order. From leadership, to discipleship, to stewardship, to submitting and service others ... each of these plays a valuable role in how Christians are to live for Jesus.

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