



## **The 7 Pillars of a Healthy Church – Part 1**

*Wednesdays in The Word*

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### **I. Intro/Types of Churches**

- Ecclesiology- the study of the church
- There are 2 types of churches: Visible and Invisible
- The 2 types of churches are also called Universal and local *I Cor. 1:2; Rev. 1:20*
- Every church is a part of the Universal Church
- Churches should not be enemies. Fighting amongst churches is a sign of immaturity and carnality *I Cor. 1:10-13; I Cor. 3:1-11*

### **PILLAR #1: Bible-based Preaching and Teaching**

#### **II. The Mandate to Preach The Word - II Timothy 4:2**

- The Bible is the content that we preach
- The Bible is what we consistently preach

#### **III. The Ministers Who Preach The Word - Ephesians 4:7-11; Jer. 3:15**

- Ministers are God's gifts
- Ministers should help people to grow

#### **IV. The Motivation for Preaching The Word - Romans 10:17**

- Preaching helps people to find salvation
- Preaching helps people to be strong

### **PILLAR # 2: Real and Relevant Worship**

#### **I. The Person Whom we Worship**

- Jesus tells us who we are to worship *Matt. 4:10*
- To see who the Lord is brings us to confession

#### **II. The Priority of Worship**

- In response to the Lord, worship must be a priority in our lives
- We must love God with our heart, soul, mind, and strength



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- The divine priority is worship first and service second
- Worship is ministering to God *Ezekiel 44:15*
- Worship is us giving our hearts back to God

### **III. The Preparation for Worship**

- We should have a holy expectancy regarding worship
- When there is holy expectancy, it can change the atmosphere in the room

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