

Good Day and God News!!!

Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as Christ forgave you. Ephesians 4:32

God's love is like trigonometry, for if you divide it, it will always multiply. Give love away, and it will always come back to you with its arms full. John Eareckson Tada

This morning I spoke with a man who is on his third church since I've known him. I believe his church hopping is a result of two things. One, he is looking for the perfect church. Two, he is unable to forgive when he is "injured" in the church where he is going. Thus, he stays in a church for a while, and then he moves on when his feelings get hurt.

In response to his search for the perfect church, I can only say it doesn't exist. We need only look at Paul's letters to the churches to figure this out. His letters address issues, conflicts and misunderstandings in the early churches. There would be no need for him to encourage forgiveness if forgiveness wasn't necessary. People in churches are always both sinner and saint.

The fact that churches aren't perfect means that we have to be willing to give and receive forgiveness. At some point in our relationships with other Christians, we will either need to forgive or be forgiven. The ebb and flow of Christian community is our ability to love and forgive. It is love and forgiveness that makes the church different, not perfection.

I am pretty confident that at least two kinds of people will never be satisfied with the church. They are: those seeking perfection and those who can't give or receive forgiveness.

Pastor Parnell

Prayer: Lord of Love, you offer us forgiveness through your son. Help us to forgive one another as we have been forgiven. Amen.