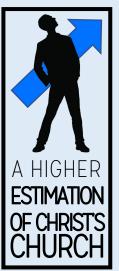


KEEPING A SPIRITUAL FOCUS IN THIS MATERIAL WORLD

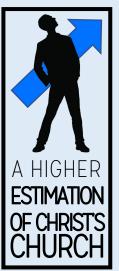




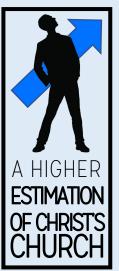
- Simply One of Many [A Denomination]
  - One Is No Better Than Another
  - An Irrelevant Institution



- A Social Gathering Place
  - A Place of Familiar Faces
  - A Means of Networking



- A Relief Organization
  - A Provider of Daily Needs
  - Emergency Assistance After Disasters

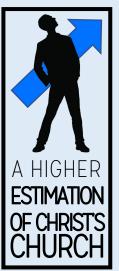


- A Source of Entertainment or Comfort
  - Assemblies/Programs That Entertain
  - A Message That Placates the Audience



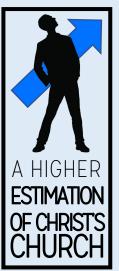
#### A Cause for Much Evil

- Cover-Ups and Scandals
- Violence, Oppression, Suppression



- The Highest Value to God & Christ
  - Purchased With Christ's Blood
    - ACTS 20:28; HEBREWS 10:28, 29
  - We Have Been Bought & Redeemed

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1<sup>ST</sup> COR. 6:19, 20; 1<sup>ST</sup> PET. 1:18, 19; MATTHEW 16:24
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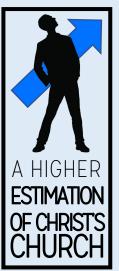


- A Spiritual Body With A Spiritual Focus
  - Spiritual People

1<sup>ST</sup> COR. 3:1; 1<sup>ST</sup> PET. 2:5

A Spiritual Focus

**ROMANS 8:5, 6** 

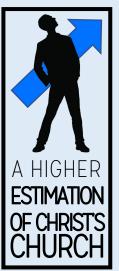


- A Place to Edify & Be Edified
  - Christ's Intent for the Church

EPHESIANS 4:11, 12; MATTHEW 25:31-46

In All We Do

1<sup>ST</sup> COR. 14:26; 2<sup>ND</sup> COR. 12:19



- Saved Souls Who Strive to Save Souls
  - The Church Is Comprised of the Saved

ACTS 2:41, 47

Going Out to Save Others

ACTS 8:4; 11:19; MARK 16:15, 16; 1<sup>ST</sup> COR. 9:22



- A Source of Hope for Those Without Hope
  - Outside of Christ: Without Hope

**EPHESIANS 2:12; 1<sup>ST</sup> THESS. 4:13** 

Within His Church: Hope!

TITUS 1:1, 2; 3:7