

The marks of a real church  
 1. Acts 5:12-17 (Dr. Wulhauser)  
 2. Tit. 5:4 (Mrs. L. T. Roper)

Sept 17 - 0 in  
 we hear a great deal in these days about stan-  
 dardization in all lines of work a school is not  
 counted of much value unless it comes up  
 to a standard the standard church is being  
 talked a good deal and why not? <sup>because</sup> <sup>of the</sup> <sup>standard</sup>  
 if we find our selves falling short of the  
 work we are to do, if we find that we are not  
 gathering the fruit we ought to gather then  
 we should try to do those things that will  
 bring us up to standard.

A standard church is very well pictured  
 in our text 5:12-17. A church - a real church  
 is going to have power, it is going to influence  
 life by saving people and healing people. In  
 other words a living church is going to be  
 adding people to it and healing them through  
 hospitals etc.

This church of the apostles was one to which  
 multitudes of men and women were being  
 added. People were trying to get in Peter's shadow  
 the healed and towers all around were  
 bringing people vexed with unclean  
 spirits and they were healed every one.

It is entirely possible for this church, here  
 to take on religion that she can't reach the people  
 in this house. People in neighboring houses  
 will be coming here for the blessing. It is  
 not a matter that lies with me but in this  
 early church the spirit came and rested upon  
 each of them as they became witnesses for  
 Jesus. Just converse people of the time.

Hypocrites did not stand any show in that  
 church. There were two who saw the popularity  
 of the church and sold their goods and came pro-  
 posing to give it all to the church. The other  
 members were doing but kept back a part  
 and had sent immediate judgment upon them  
 for their sin as they were buried. <sup>the</sup> <sup>fact</sup> <sup>was</sup> <sup>that</sup> <sup>they</sup> <sup>were</sup> <sup>not</sup> <sup>dead</sup> <sup>yet</sup>

their type have not all died yet. you will  
 find a few old crusty hypocrites who think  
 well of having their names on the roll. They will  
 not come to church. They have money for every  
 thing else but none for the church. They  
 have time for every thing else but  
 none for the church. Some will actually

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try to insult you if you invite them  
to church. They are indifferent to it and  
yet they wanted not live in a community  
where there was no church. They desire  
its benefits but give nothing of time  
nor money to it.

It does not matter what the preacher does  
to get them lined up they will take of -

Even jealousy stuck his head up. The  
priest rose up at those with him at they were  
filled with jealousy. you go to doing a good  
work for the church and some jealous  
crowd will become jealous of you. Some  
times it happens among church members  
if some man begins to rise in popularity  
and begins to come into the limelight  
where some one else has been standing  
jealousy raises his head.

Every conceivable thing will try to  
in to the real progress of the church. These  
so called Christians paid no mind to the  
fact but spoke out another mark of a  
real church as they said, "let us not  
try rather than men."

your work as a church is going to be tested  
out. The enemies of the church recognized  
that fact and said "If this work be of men  
it will be overthrown but if it be of God  
ye will not be able to overthrow them." They  
were not overthrown. It was the work of  
God.

you may rest assured that those who  
work for God will succeed. Not dollars but an million.

This church has many men for officers  
carry on the work of the church. I must say to you officials that  
the world and the church look at you and  
your deeds very critically.

Now when we see the hardships these first  
Christians endured we become ashamed  
of ourselves. The very idea of suffering

will  
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better  
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in dollars, would  
not man does not

with the Church, we are glad to be a member  
by that means that we can be sure by  
paying some money to it, we are glad  
to be a member if it means that we may  
go once or twice a year when it will  
mean no inconvenience to us and when  
we have nothing else planned, we are  
glad to be a member if that means that  
we can go to church and hear some beau-  
tiful poetry and oratory to entertain  
us.

But how is your real church member  
Here is a member or members of a real  
Church. "They therefore departed from the  
presence of the Council rejoicing that  
they were counted worthy to suffer dis-  
honor for the Name of Jesus. And every  
day - not on sabbath - as Jesus a week they  
ceased not to teach and to preach Jesus."

The church which feels itself to be some  
what when it never suffers anything -  
conscience is a thing to be laughed at  
in the day of calamity or when it  
flour corneth

A real church will have some  
real production, sacrifice effort  
put forth, hardship undergone, dis-  
appointments suffered over, and temptations  
defeated will grow a wonderful fire.  
For example: "And all that sat in the  
Council, fastening their eyes upon  
Stephen, saw his face as it had been  
the face of an angel." What have  
I suffered for Jesus?

We want our church to be this week.

- a. an enlightened church
  - b. a disturbed church
  - c. a praying church
  - d. a working church (power in action)
- Try it to - night - 7:00

in informed church  
a disturbed church as long as  
there is suffering

208  
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progr meeting - m. w. & men-  
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Dr. Welhausen Sat 9<sup>30</sup> - 10<sup>30</sup>

Jr League 3 P.M. 4-day  
Sr " 6<sup>15</sup> " "

P.M. — 7 wed.

