

A DIFFERENT KIND OF CHURCH #2
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RADICAL RELATIONSHIPS

MAIN POINT: THE WORKS OF GOD ARE RADICAL.

A. A CHRISTIAN LIFE IS GOD'S RADICAL CREATION.

1. Because of God's work, a Christian is a radically **new person** (2 Corinthians 5:17). Once dead, now he lives (Ephesians 2:1-5) once blind, now he sees (2 Corinthians 4:3-6).
2. The new person is given a radically **new purpose** (2 Corinthians 5:14, 15). Christ is Lord, and pleasing Him is the new man's highest priority (2 Corinthians 5:9).
3. The new person is given a radically **new power** (Ephesians 3:16, 20, 21). It is this power that enables the Christian to say no to the desires that once ruled his life (Romans 6:12, 13).

B. THE CHURCH IS GOD'S RADICAL CREATION.

1. The New Testament word translated "church" never refers to a building, a denomination, or a service. It refers to **people** and is used of those that are in Christ (Romans 16:3, 5a; Ephesians 1:22).
2. The history of the early Church is radical (Acts 2:43-47). Love toward one another is still to be a mark of those that belong to Jesus (cf. John 13:34, 35; 1 Thessalonians 4:9, 10).
3. The human body illustrates God's radical design for the Church (Romans 12: 4, 5; 1 Corinthians 12:18-21, 24b-27). What a privilege it is to participate in the Body of Christ!