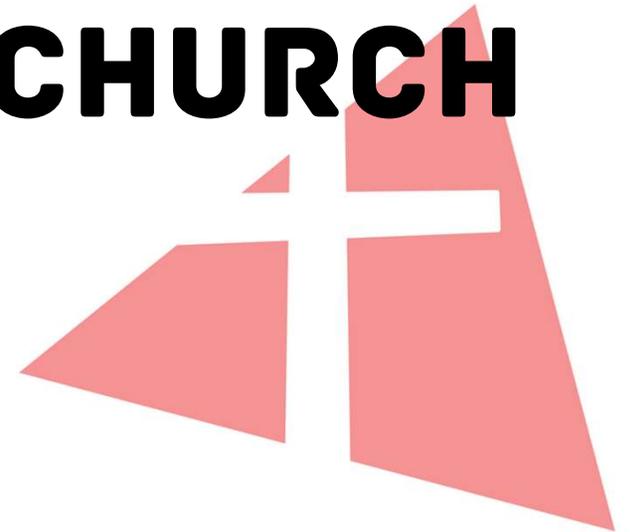


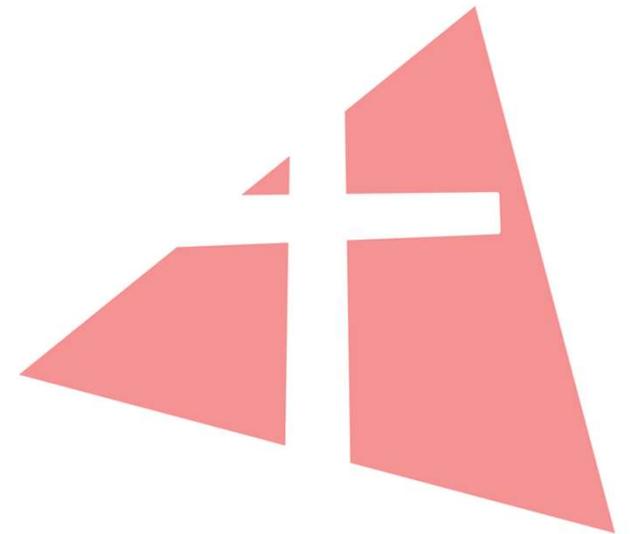
PRAYING FOR OUR CHURCH

January 03rd 2021



SEASON OF PRAYER

- **Prayer focus for January 2021: Praying for our church**



A REMINDER

- **God only promised to answer prayers according to His will**

John 14:14 If you shall ask anything in my name, I will do it.

1 John 5:14 And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us:

- **Listening in prayer is the foundation for effective prayer**

Prayer is telling God what He tells us to tell Him

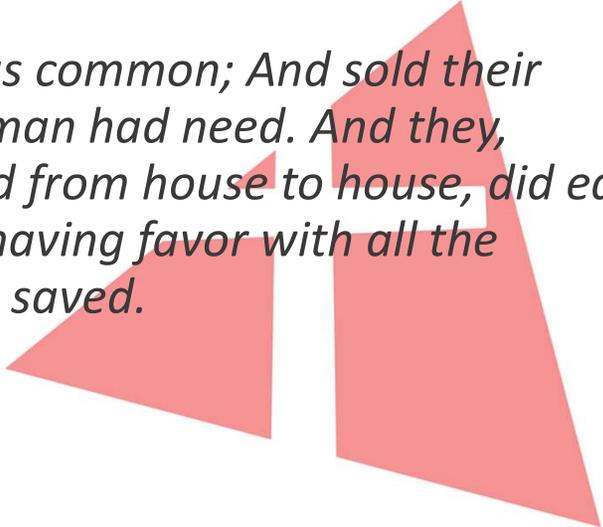


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○ The book of Acts

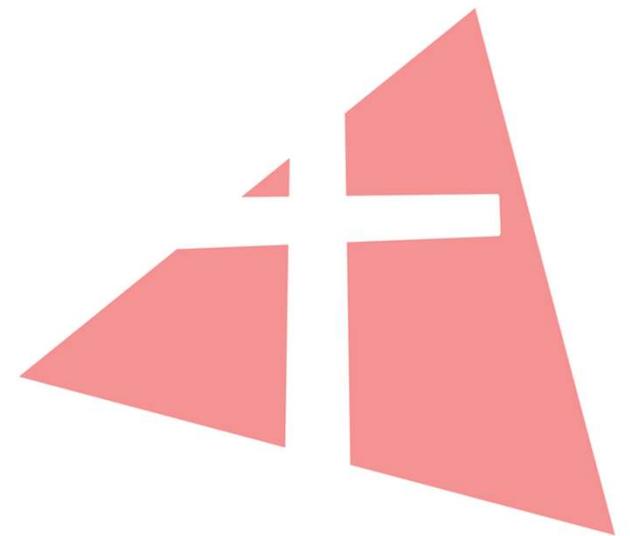
- Sharing life together

Acts 2:44-47 And all that believed were together, and had all things common; And sold their possessions and goods, and distributed them to all men, as every man had need. And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their food with gladness and sincerity of heart, Praising God, and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as were being saved.



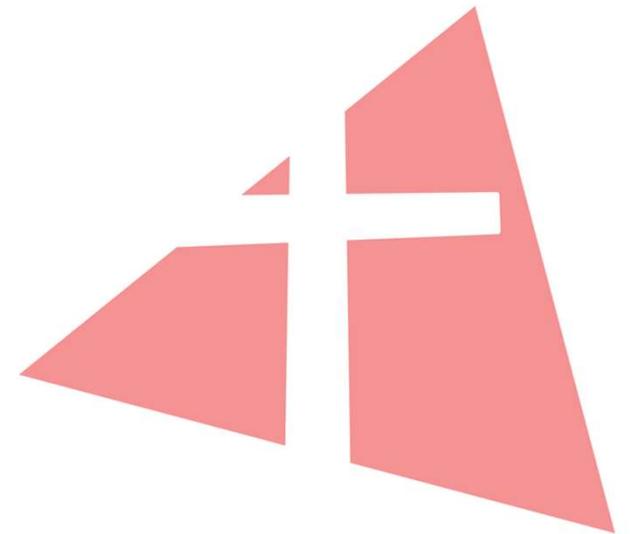
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- **The book of Acts**
 - Unity



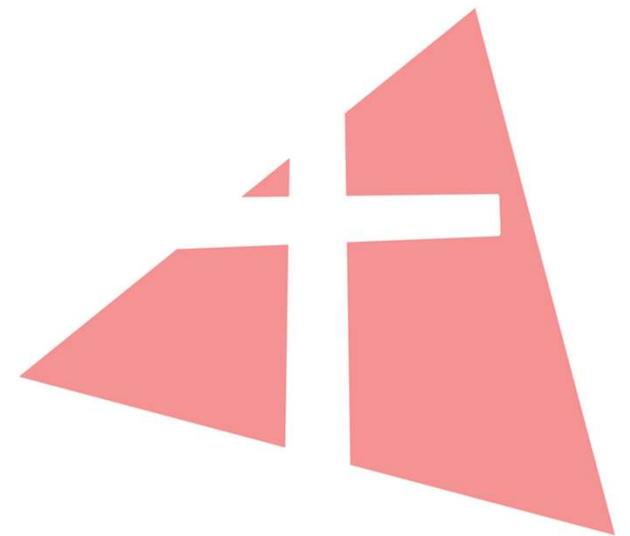
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- **The book of Acts**
 - Evangelism/Church growth



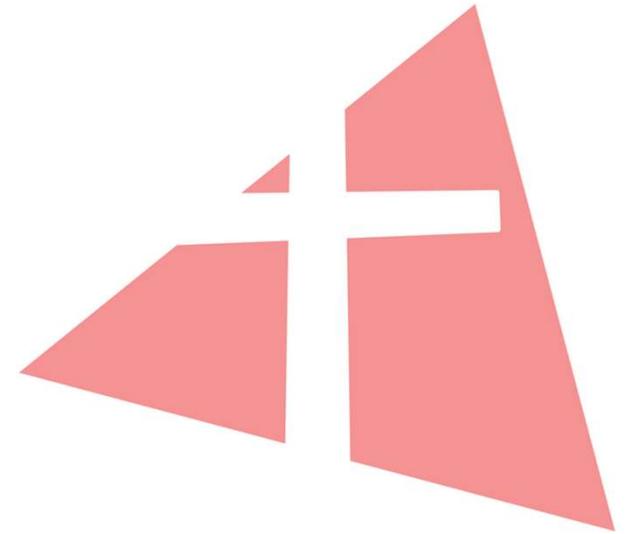
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- **The book of Acts**
 - Joy



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- **Epistles that describe a Godly Church**
 - Being Ambassadors of Christ



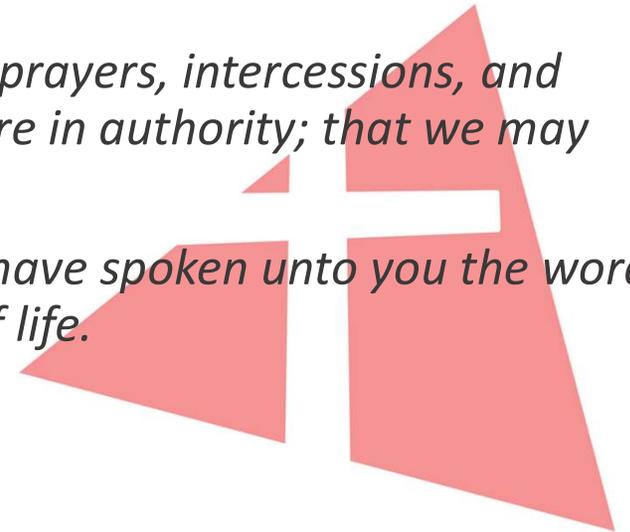
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○ Epistles that describe a Godly Church

- Pray for church leaders

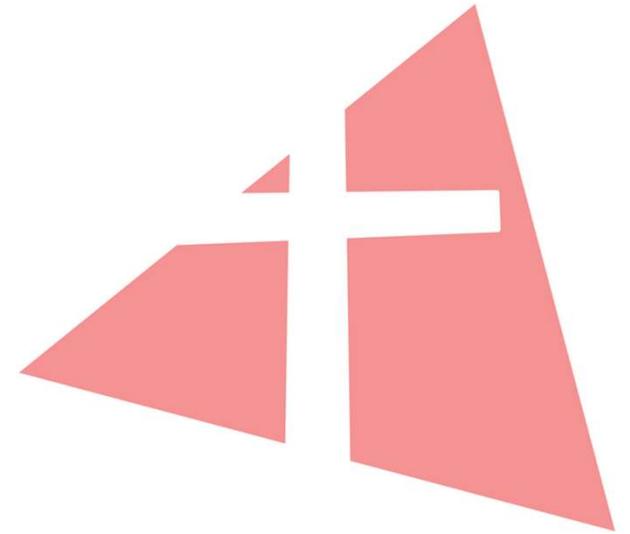
1 Timothy 2:1-2 *I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty.*

Hebrews 13:7 *Remember them who have the rule over you, who have spoken unto you the word of God: whose faith follow, considering the end of their manner of life.*



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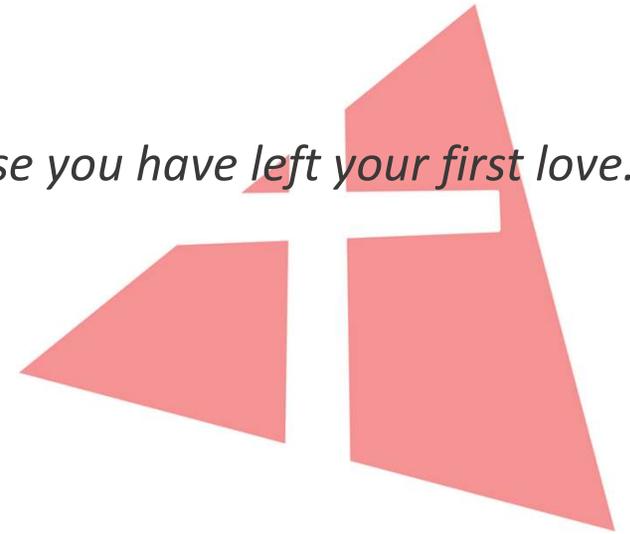
- **The letters to the seven churches in the book of Revelations**



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- **First Love**

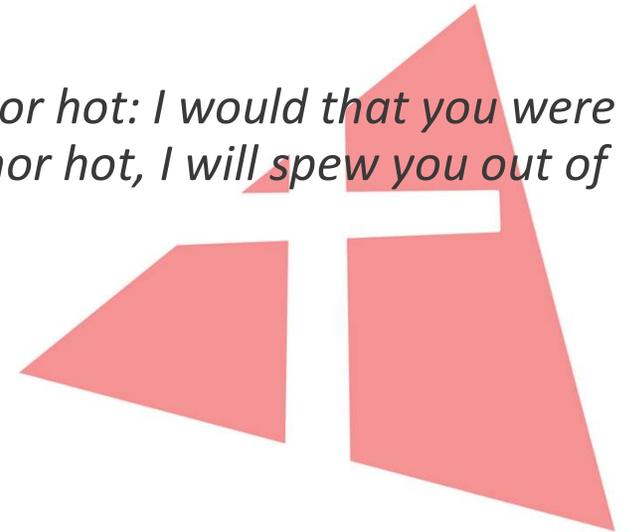
Revelation 2:4 Nevertheless I have somewhat against you, because you have left your first love.



USE SCRIPTURE

- Wholeheartedness

Revelation 3:15-16 I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot: I would that you were cold or hot. So then because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spew you out of my mouth.



USE SCRIPTURE

- **No tolerance of false teachings**

***Revelation 2:14-15** But I have a few things against you, because you have there them that hold the doctrine of Balaam, who taught Balak to cast a stumbling block before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed unto idols, and to commit fornication. So have you also them that hold the doctrine of the Nicolaitans, which thing I hate.*

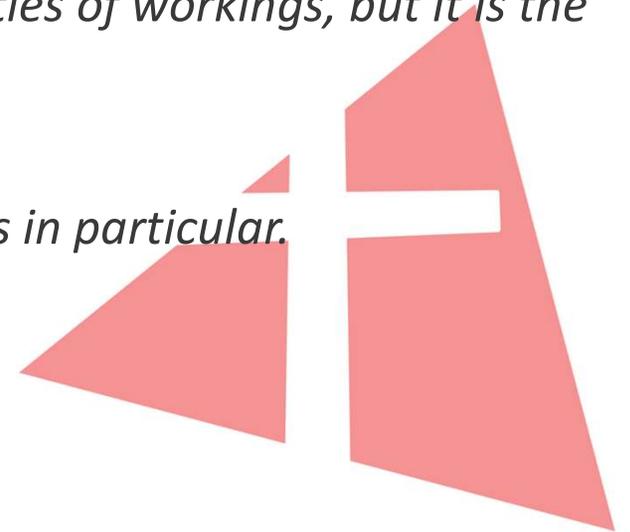


OUR PERSONAL ROLE

1 Corinthians 12:4-6 *Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. And there are differences of ministries, but the same Lord. And there are diversities of workings, but it is the same God who works all in all.*

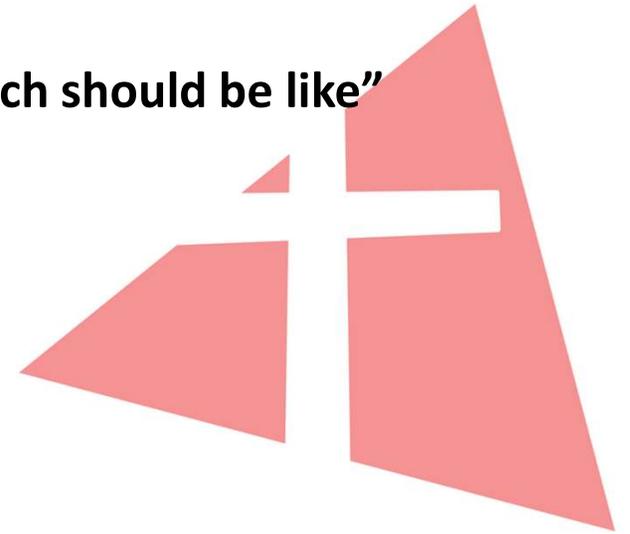
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1 Corinthians 12:27 *Now you are the body of Christ, and members in particular.*



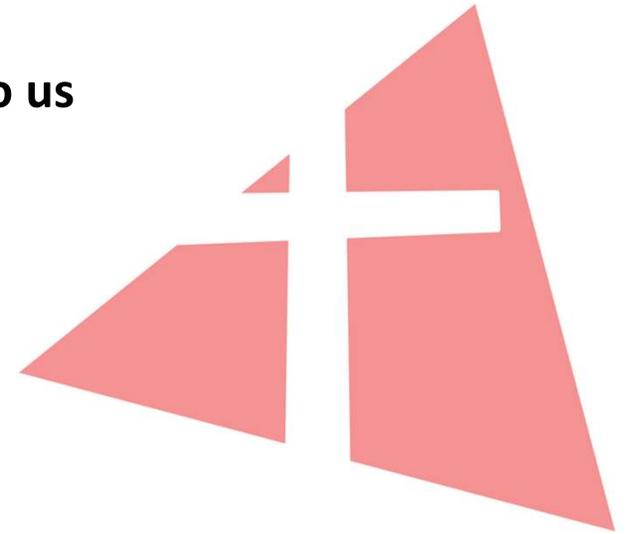
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- There are many passages in the NT that describe “what a church should be like”



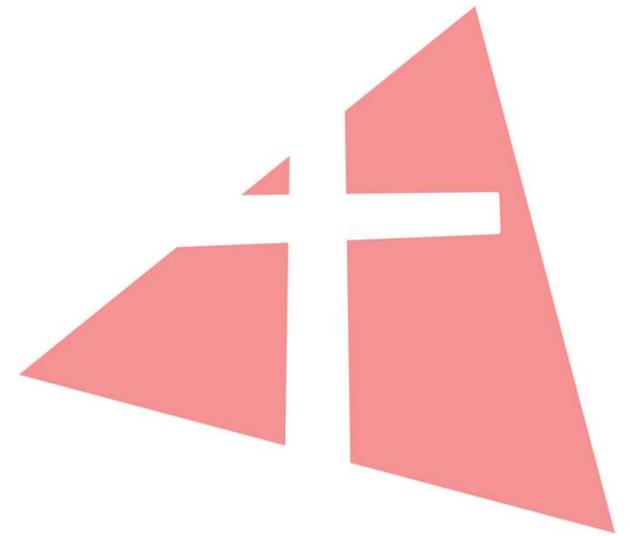
SHARE

- After prayer we need to act on what God has been speaking to us



ACT

- Prayer leads to action



PRAYING FOR OUR CHURCH

- **Let's spend some minutes each day praying for Aletheia throughout the month of January**

