

## Church Essentials

- What is most important in a church?
- "... I will build my church..." - Mat. 16:18
- Michael Griffiths writes: "Christians collectively seem to be suffering from a sort of strange "amnesia." – A high proportion of people who go to church have forgotten what it's all about." . . .
- We've got to focus on the Word of God
- The Church should be God-Centered
- The Substance of the Church Christ is building...
  - #1. – A High View of God
    - Prov. 9:10 – "The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom."
    - ... "I will show my greatness and my holiness, and I will make myself known in the sight of many nations. Then they will know that I am the LORD."- Ezek. 38:23
    - "You shall be holy, because I AM holy" - Lev. 11:44
    - "I am the LORD, who makes you holy" - Ex. 31:13
  - Essential #2 – Christ is Central
    - "we preach CHRIST crucified: a stumbling block to the Jews and foolishness to the Gentiles, -- but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God." - 1 Cor. 1:23-24
    - Philippians 3:3-9 " ... whatever was to my profit I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. What is more, I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them rubbish, that I may gain Christ and be found in him..."
  - Essential #3 – The Scripture is Exalted
    - Psalm 138:2
    - "... You have exalted above **all** things Your NAME and Your WORD." Matthew 4:4

- Jesus said we “live on every word that comes from the mouth of God.”