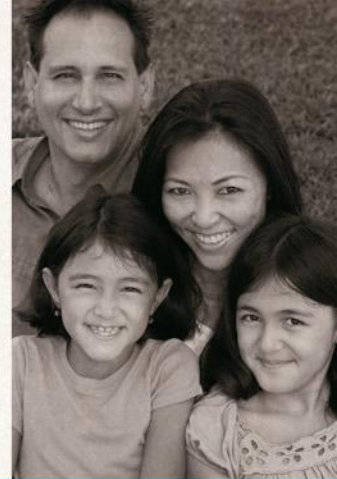
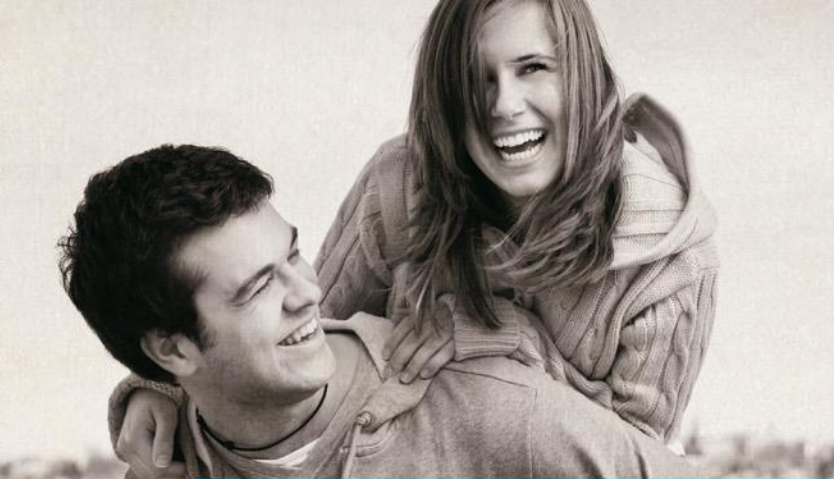
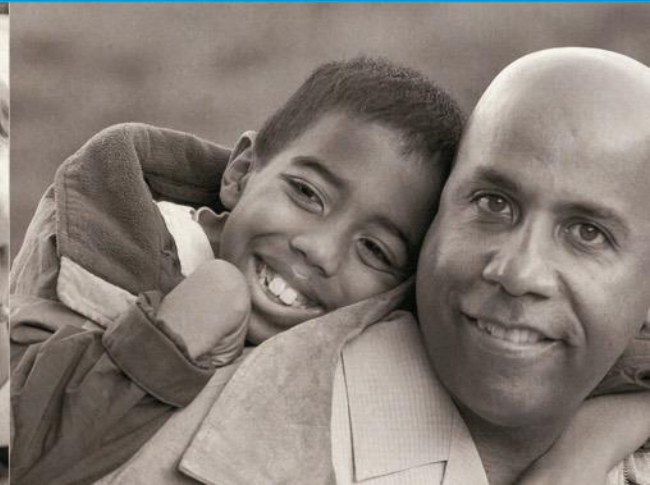


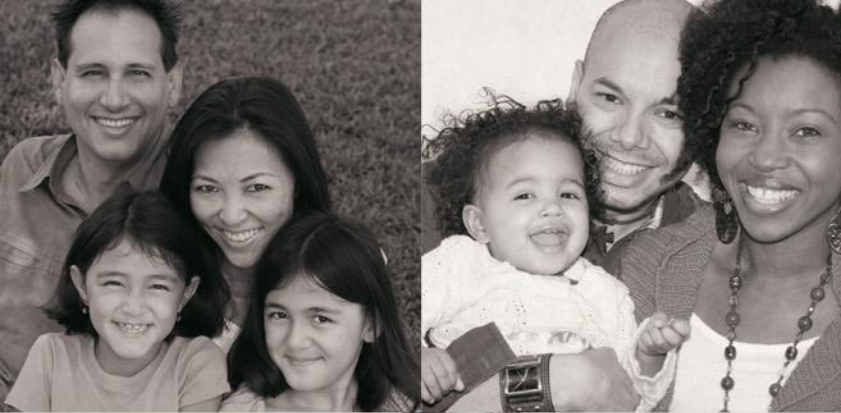
**SO THE CHURCH THROUGHOUT
ALL JUDEA AND GALILEE AND
SAMARIA HAD PEACE, BEING
EDIFIED; AND, WALKING IN THE
FEAR OF THE LORD AND IN THE
COMFORT OF THE HOLY
SPIRIT, WAS MULTIPLIED.**

(ACTS 9:31)

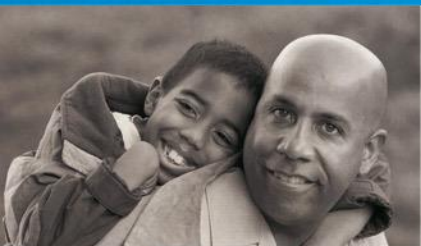


Sometimes The
Hardest Place To Be
A Christian Is ...





THE JERUSALEM CHURCH



THIS IS WHERE IT ALL STARTED

Acts 2

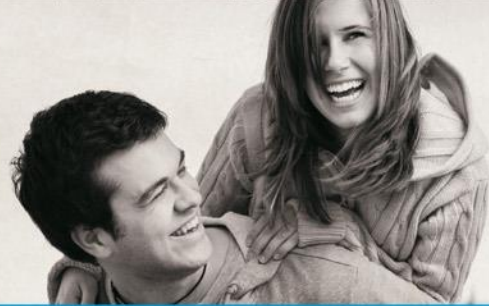
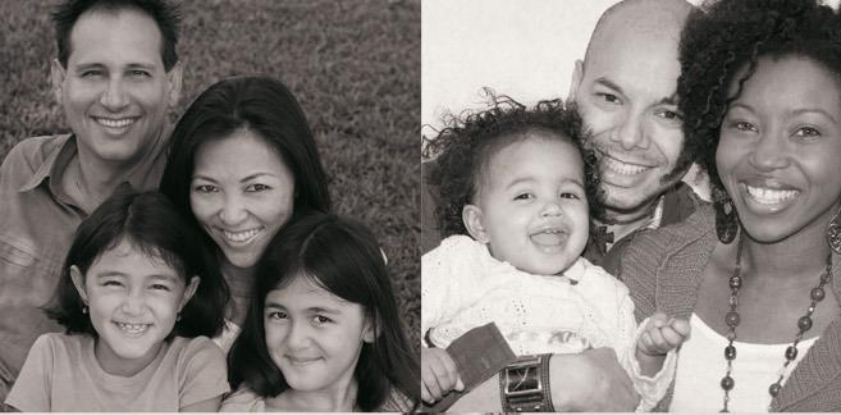
3,000 souls added

Acts 4:33-37

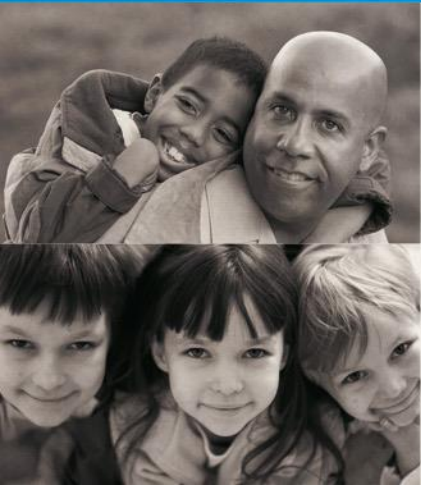
Everything going well

“But a certain man ...”

- **Acts 5** (*lying, greed*)
- **Acts 6** (*neglect, murmuring, prejudice*)
- **Acts 15** (*false doctrine*)



THE CHURCH AT CORINTH



THE LORD'S CHURCH 1 CORINTHIANS 1:2

- Division & carnality

1:11; 3:1-4

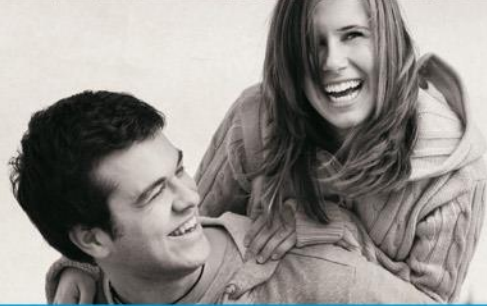
- Sexual immorality

chapter 5

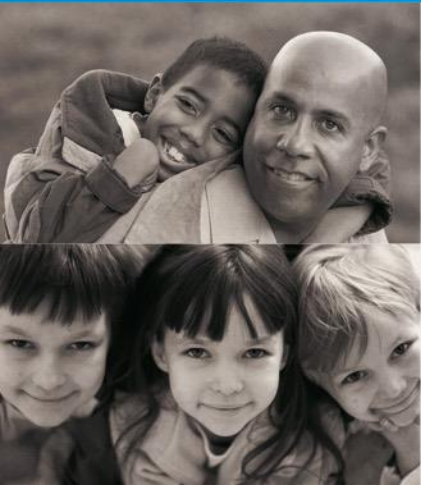
- Lawsuits

chapter 6





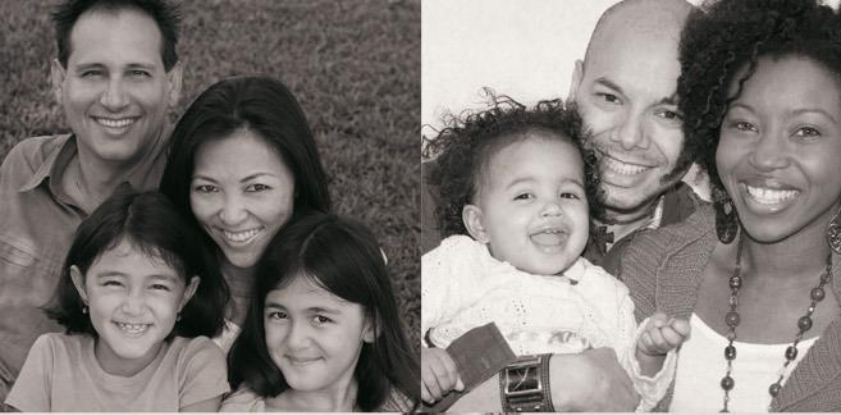
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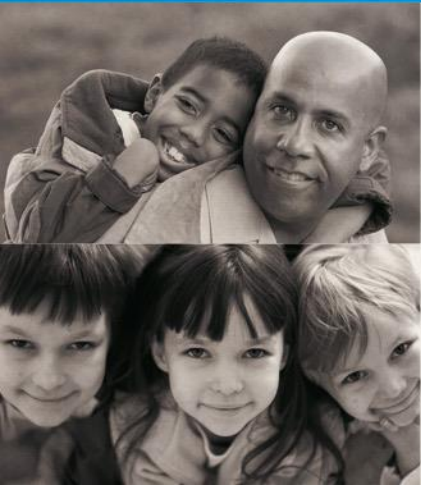
THE LORD'S CHURCH 1 CORINTHIANS 1:2

- Lord's Supper
chapter 11
- Disruption of worship
chapter 14
- False doctrine
chapter 15





A CHURCH WITH
ELDERS



EPHESUS

Acts 20:28-31

Warnings ***1 Timothy 4:1-5***

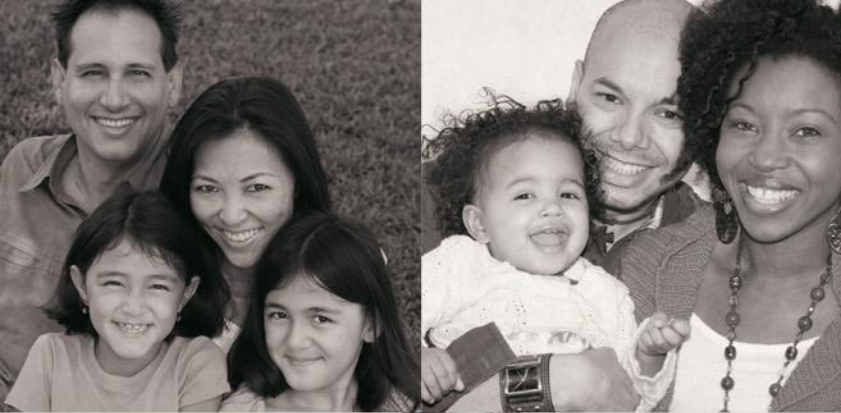
Apostasy ***2 Timothy 4:1-4***

WHAT HAPPENED TO
EPHESUS?

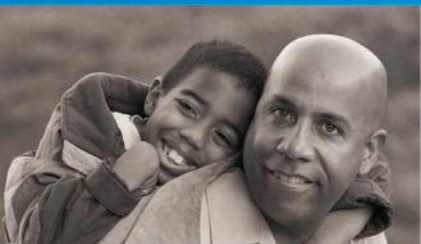
Revelation 2

They left their first love





THE OTHER CHURCHES



- Galatia
Galatians 1:6; 5:4
 - Thessalonica
2 Thessalonians 3:11
 - Crete
Titus 1:10-16
 - Sardis
Revelation 3:1
- THE PERFECT CHURCH
FOR MANY
- LAODICEA
Revelation 3:14

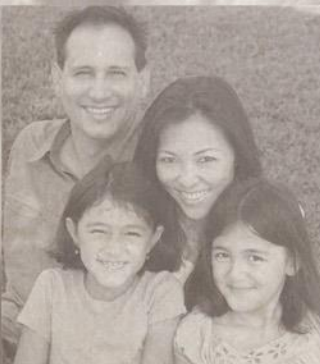
The church is composed of people!
The church encounters challenges!
The family of God has problems!

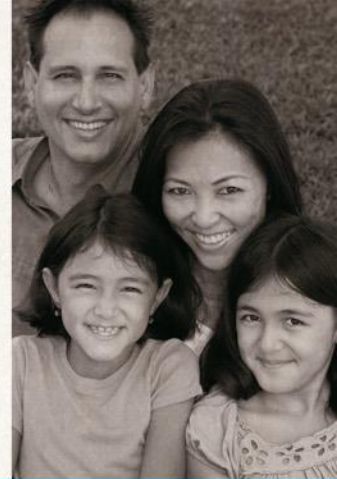
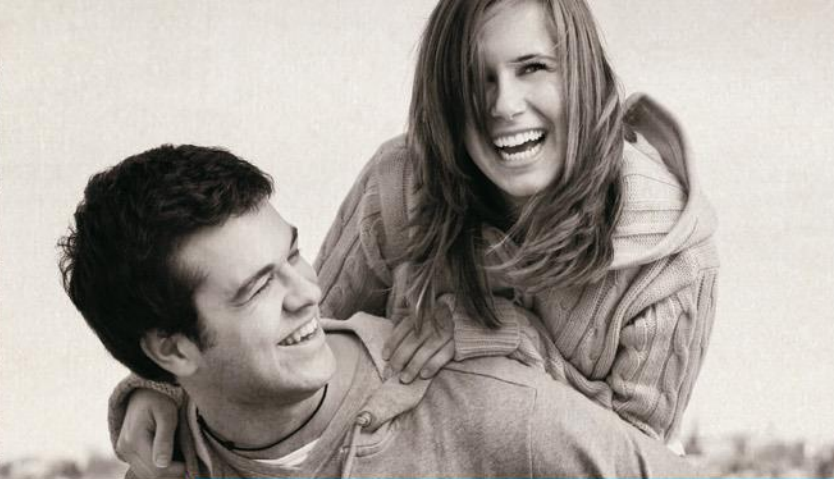


**AND TO THE ANGEL OF THE CHURCH IN SARDIS
WRITE, 'THESE THINGS SAYS HE WHO HAS THE
SEVEN SPIRITS OF GOD AND THE SEVEN STARS: "I
KNOW YOUR WORKS, THAT YOU HAVE A NAME
THAT YOU ARE ALIVE, BUT YOU ARE DEAD."
(REVELATION 3:1)**

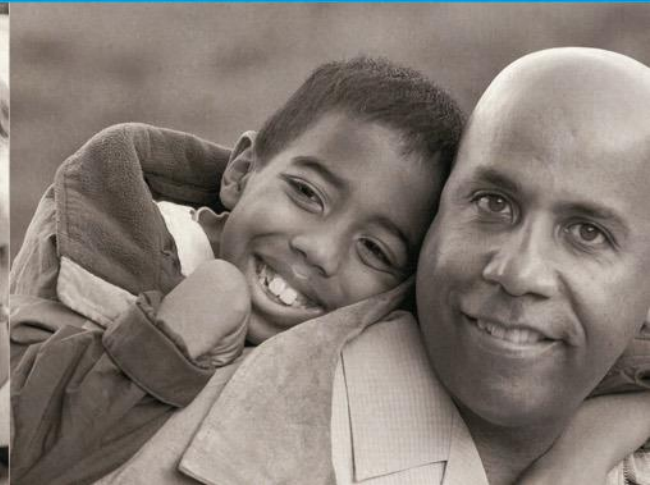


**YOU HAVE A FEW NAMES EVEN IN SARDIS WHO
HAVE NOT DEFILED THEIR GARMENTS; AND THEY
SHALL WALK WITH ME IN WHITE, FOR THEY ARE
WORTHY. (REVELATION 3:4)**





BRETHREN, JOIN IN FOLLOWING MY
EXAMPLE, AND NOTE THOSE WHO SO
WALK, AS YOU HAVE US FOR A
PATTERN. (PHILIPPIANS 3:17)





Acts 2:38

Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.