

Church: A Holy Place?

When did the local church become a place for non-believers and believers alike, not to mention those who name themselves believers but who are living an open lifestyle of sin (What happened to church discipline (1 Cor. 5:6-8, 11-13; Mt. 18:15-17)?), to mingle and fellowship with one another in clear violation of Scripture (1 Cor. 15:33; 2 Cor. 6:14-18; Ex.22:33; 1 Pt. 2:5; Jm. 4:4)? That is not to say, of course, that public, i.e. open to believer and non-believer alike, services should not exist for the purposes of evangelism, but what happened to private, i.e. for those believers in right standing, i.e. obedient (Jm. 2), services so that the congregation may learn the mysteries of the Kingdom (Mk. 4:11), the meat of the Word (Heb. 5:14)?

Where are these private services, these separate services? Why have so many modern pastors abandoned these Scriptural teachings/mandates? What happened to being a holy, i.e. set apart (Strong's #6918H & 40G) priesthood and nation (1 Pt. 2:5)? How can we be set apart while being mixed in with the world?

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