

Planted in the House of God

What does it mean to be a Christian?

- The Christian life is a transformational journey, we are becoming like Christ, for the sake of others.
- Three stages:
 - Savior
 - King
 - Friend
- 1 John 2:12-14
- James 2:19: “You believe in God, good, even the demons believe this and tremble.”

- **“Christianity is a process, of being formed into the image of Christ, for the sake of others.”**
Robert Mulholland
- **Genesis 12:1-3:** “The LORD had said to Abram, “Leave your native country, your relatives, and your father’s family, and go to the land that I will show you. I will make you into a great nation. I will bless you and make you famous, and you will be a blessing to others. I will bless those who bless you and curse those who treat you with contempt. All the families on earth will be blessed through you.”

What is the role of the church?

- The church is to a spiritual newborn what a biological family is to a physical newborn.

This is why a healthy church is important.

- Galatians 4:4-7
- Psalm 92:13-14(NIV)
- Matthew 12:46-50

1. Stage One: Jesus is my Savior.

- Psalm 23:1-3
- *Jesus loves me*

- The only way we believe we are loved by God is when we experience it with a person.
 - John 13:34-35
 - 1 John 5:3
 - 1 John 4:19