

The Church Can't Live On Its Past Success

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Scripture: Revelation 3:1, 2 Corinthians 5:17, James 1:22, Matthew 7:21, 1 Peter 4:12

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Transcript

You've had activities that could to be commended. You have a name that you are alive. And you would recommend this church.

But what was wrong with the church? Well, that church was living upon its past reputation, not upon its present life. It got big. It's like the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ today.

I'll tell you there's power in the name of Jesus, and I believe you believe that today. But all too often people come with sin and go away with sin. Come with habits and go away with habits.

Come with doubts and go away with doubts. We need changed lives in the body of the Lord Jesus Christ. And some churches had had to pay a real price to hold on.

They'd been persecuted. They'd had hypocrites come in. They'd had loud people come in.

They'd had people that exalted gifts farther than Christ, and that had to be brought back.

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