

The Real Church

Conclusion

I Thessalonians 2:13-16

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A real church is a cause for thankfulness.

Characteristics Of A Real Church

A Real Church Welcomes God's Word. (verse 13)

Receives = Listen + Accept + Life Change

A real church is people who listen and accept the Scriptures that are taught to them as the Word of God. – 2 Timothy 3:16-17

A Real Church Demonstrates Discipleship. (verse 14)

- *Imitators of the Apostles, of Christ, of the churches in Judea*

A real church is believers who continually grow in their faith and faithfulness. – 2 Peter 3:18

A Real Church Stands Faithful Despite Opposition. (verse 14-16)

- They imitated the suffering of the Judean churches.

A real church is believers who are willing to stand for the truth, pay the price, take up the cross and follow Christ. – Mark 8:34-38

To what extent does your life demonstrate the qualities of a member in a real church?