



Why I'm Optimistic About the Future of the Church

5 REASONS I'M MORE OPTIMISTIC THAN EVER:

1. GOD USED THE CHURCH TO CHANGE MY LIFE.

2. JESUS SAID, "I WILL BUILD MY CHURCH," AND HIS CHURCH HAS ALWAYS ENDURED.

"... on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."
Matthew 16:18 ESV

3. THE RESISTANCE, DISAPPOINTMENTS, AND PAIN HAVE MADE US STRONGER.

4. THE TIME IS RIPE FOR ACCELERATED INNOVATION.

5. PEOPLE ARE SEARCHING AND THE CHURCH OFFERS THE HOPE, HEALING, AND BELONGING THEY NEED.

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Proverbs 31:10 TPT

Who could ever find [a church] like this one—[Christ's church is full] of strength and mighty valor! [The Church] is full of wealth and wisdom. The price paid for [the Church] was greater than many jewels.

Proverbs 31:10 TPT

*[The Church] searches out continually to possess that which is pure and righteous ...
[The Church] gives out revelation-truth to feed others ...*

Proverbs 31:13-14 TPT

[The Church] tastes and experiences a better substance, and her shining light will not be extinguished, no matter how dark the night.

Proverbs 31:18 TPT

[The Church] is known by her extravagant generosity to the poor, for she always reaches out her hands to those in need.

Proverbs 31:20 TPT

Her husband [Jesus] is famous and admired by all ...

Proverbs 31:23 TPT

Even her works of righteousness she does for the benefit of her enemies.

Proverbs 31:24 TPT

*“There are many valiant and noble ones, but you have ascended above them all!”
[Popularity] can be misleading, and [followers, wealth, and worldly clout] is vain and so quickly fades, but [the Church, the bride of Christ] lives in the wonder, awe, and fear of the Lord. She will be praised throughout eternity.*

Proverbs 31:29-30 TPT

But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us. We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed.

2 Corinthians 4:7-9 NIV

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

Ephesians 3:20-21 NIV