A photograph showing the lower legs and feet of a person walking on a paved surface. The person is wearing blue jeans and black sneakers. The pavement has white painted text, which appears to be "STOP" in reverse. The background shows a chain-link fence and a building.

I believe that the real difference in the American church is not between conservatives and liberals, fundamentalists and charismatics, nor between Republicans and Democrats. The real difference is between the aware and the unaware.

When somebody is aware of that love—the same love that the Father has for Jesus—that person is just spontaneously grateful. Cries of thankfulness become the dominant characteristic of the interior life, and the byproduct of gratitude is joy. We're not joyful and then become grateful—we're grateful, and that makes us joyful.


(Brennan Manning)



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A low-angle, black and white photograph showing a person's feet in sneakers walking on a paved surface. The person is wearing blue jeans and dark sneakers. The pavement has white markings, possibly a crosswalk or a path. The background is a chain-link fence. The text is overlaid on the lower half of the image.

**AS GOD CHANGES US,
WE CAN BE THE KIND OF
CHURCH THAT HE
DESIRES.**



Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all. (Col. 3:11, ESV)

When the Church is the Church – **Colossians 3:11-17**



Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.

(Col. 3:12-13, ESV)

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Church from the Inside Out

1. Compassionate

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Church from the Inside Out

1. Compassionate

2. Kind

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Church from the Inside Out

1. Compassionate

2. Kind

3. Humble

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A photograph showing a person's feet in sneakers walking on a paved surface. The surface has white painted text that is partially visible and appears to be "Walk the Way". The person is wearing blue jeans and dark sneakers. The background shows a fence and some foliage.

Church from the Inside Out

1. Compassionate

2. Kind

3. Humble

4. Meek

When the Church is the Church – **Colossians 3:11-17**

A photograph showing the lower legs and feet of a person walking on a paved surface. The person is wearing blue jeans and dark sneakers. The pavement has white painted text that is partially visible and appears to be "Walk the Way of the King".

Church from the Inside Out

1. Compassionate

2. Kind

3. Humble

4. Meek

5. Patient


When the Church is the Church – **Colossians 3:11-17**



And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

(Col. 3:14, ESV)

When the Church is the Church – **Colossians 3:11-17**



And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. (Col. 3:15-17, ESV)

When the Church is the Church – Colossians 3:11-17



Church from the Outside In

1. Celebration

When the Church is the Church – **Colossians 3:11-17**

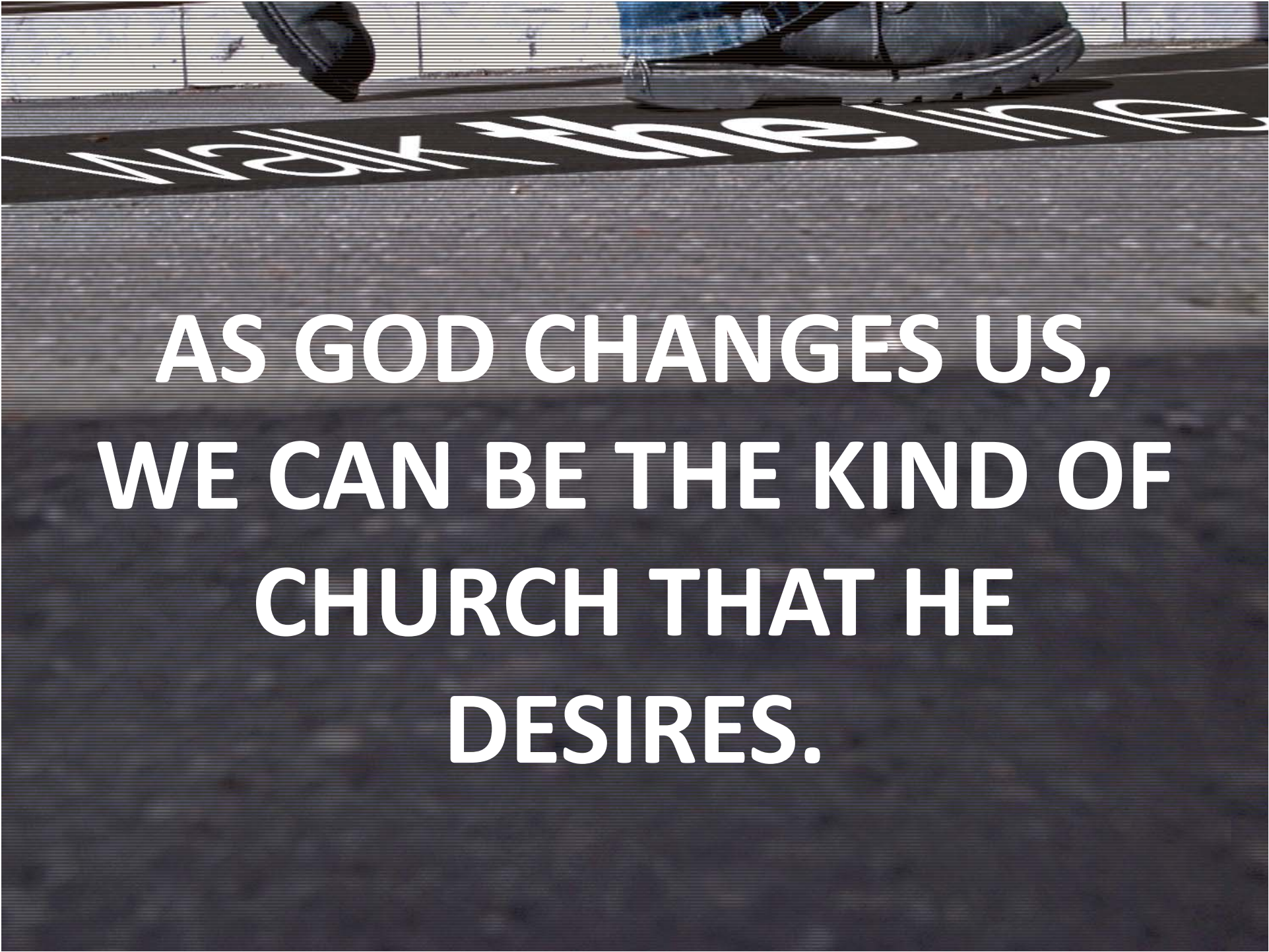


Church from the Outside In

1. Celebration

2. Teaching

When the Church is the Church – **Colossians 3:11-17**

A low-angle, close-up shot of a person's feet wearing dark sneakers with white laces, walking on a dark asphalt surface. The person is wearing blue jeans. In the background, a chain-link fence is visible. The text is overlaid on the lower half of the image.

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