

# Radically different

## Radical Church

Matt Garvin ~ June 26, 2016

**The church is a beautiful \_\_\_\_\_ of God who is Trinity.**

*Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.*

Ephesians 4:29 NIV

**We need to filter our speech based on the needs of \_\_\_\_\_.**

*And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.*

Ephesians 4:30 NIV

The Spirit, who is the divine agent of reconciliation and unity in the body, is especially grieved when unwholesome speech is uttered by members against one another.

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**There are profound \_\_\_\_\_ when we don't filter our speech.**

*Surely in vain I have kept my heart pure  
and have washed my hands in innocence.  
All day long I have been afflicted,  
and every morning brings new punishments.  
If I had spoken out like that,  
I would have betrayed your children.*

Psalms 73:13-15 NIV

*Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander,  
along with every form of malice.*

Ephesians 4:31 NIV

**Because the central task of the church is to be a reflection of the life of Christ in whom all things hold together, we need to get rid of the things that tear us apart.**

*Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.*

Ephesians 4:32 NIV

*Follow God's example, **therefore**, as dearly loved children and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.*

Ephesians 5:1-2 NIV

**Our life together is as important as it is, because it is how we reflect who \_\_\_\_\_.**

By living a life of love the readers will imitate God; yet that life of love is modelled on Christ's love so significantly demonstrated in the cross. Hence the imitation of God is ultimately the imitation of Christ. Costly, sacrificial love, then, is to characterize believers in their relationships with one another.

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