

# Keeping our Simplicity in Christ

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# Simplicity and Purity

- **2 Cor 11:3** But I fear, lest somehow, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, so your minds may be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ (from the simplicity and purity *of devotion* to Christ)..

# The battle for the mind..

- **Proverbs 4:23** Keep your heart with all diligence,  
For out of it *spring* the issues of life.

Do not be led away from the simplicity  
and purity of devotion to Christ

# The message is clear..

- We want to help everyone follow Jesus..
  - Salvation through the gospel
  - Lead them to spiritual maturity
  - Prepare every Christian to serve



# We follow Jesus..

- Personally – as Lord and Christ
- Intimately – through worship
- Devoutly – through spiritual growth
- Lovingly – in service
- Mightily – in restoring His church



# This is Christ's church..

- Through worship, prayer, and meditation we draw close to God and each other..
- We gain strength, find comfort, and rejoice in our victories..
- The church is here to serve Christ and help you reach maturity in Christ..

# Simplicity of the Gospel

- The basis.. Good news of Jesus! Rom 1:16
- The gospel plan.. Mark 16:15-16
- Obedience is simple.. Rom 6:3-7

# The church is the bride of Christ..

- Christ is the bridegroom .. Acts 11:26; Rev 19:9
- Worship in spirit and truth.. John 4:23-24
  - Lord's Supper, prayer, singing, contribution, preaching and teaching  
(Acts 2:42; 20:7; 1 Cor 11:23-27)
  - Restore the church to biblical unity and purity  
(John 17:17-23; Eph 5:25-27)



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