

# The Living Church Reveals the Living Person

by G. Campbell Morgan

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*The Church's purpose is to reveal the Person of Christ and lift Him to the height where all men can see Him.*

**Scripture:** Matthew 5:14, 1 Timothy 3:15

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## Description

G. Campbell Morgan emphasizes that the Church of the living God must reveal the Person of Christ to be meaningful and effective. He argues that without Christ, the Church is merely an empty structure, lacking purpose and value. The Church serves as the instrument through which Jesus shows Himself to the world, and if it fails to proclaim His Word, it becomes a mere noise without substance. Morgan highlights the necessity of the Church in making the light of Christ visible and accessible to humanity, asserting that the true essence of the Church lies in its ability to reflect and communicate the teachings of Jesus.

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## Transcript

"...the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth"

(1 Tim. 3:15).

The Church of God apart from the Person of Christ is a useless structure. However ornate it may be in its organization, however perfect in all its arrangements, however rich and increased with goods, if the Church is not revealing the Person, lifting Him to the height where all men can see Him, then the Church becomes an impertinence and a sham, a blasphemy and a fraud, and the sooner the world is rid of it, the better. The Church, apart from the shining of a light, is a lampstand, dark, valueless, effete. The Church that fails to proclaim the Word is a sound, a voice without articulation, sounding brass and a clanging cymbal; of no value.

With all reverence, let me state the other side, which is to my own heart full of grave solemnity. That supernal Person, apart from the Church, is hidden. Jesus Christ has no means of showing Himself save through His Church. The light that flashes from His eyes cannot be seen save as it beams and shines and burns and flashes and flames from the eyes of His people. The tenderness and strength of His teaching can be felt only as the Church becomes the instrument through which He speaks to humanity to direct, instruct, and bless it. The great central Person is hidden unless the Church reveals Him. The Light that lighteth every man, and which came into the world, and was focused, centralized for a brief period in a Person, has passed out of human sight, and is no longer shining save through the Church. The Word of

God today has no voice apart from the Christian Church.

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