

Do I Fit?

Why Church? – Part 1
Gal. 3:26-29; Rom. 14:1-6
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Q. Do I fit in church?

4 Ways the Church is Supposed to be Diverse:

I. Diverse _____.

Galatians 3:26-29 For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. 27 For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. 28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free man, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. 29 And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's descendants, heirs according to promise.

Revelation 7:9-10 After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could count, from every nation and all tribes and peoples and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, and palm branches were in their hands; 10 and they cry out with a loud voice, saying, "Salvation to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb."

II. Diverse _____.

Romans 12:4-5 For just as we have many members in one body and all the members do not have the same function, 5 so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.

III. Diverse _____.

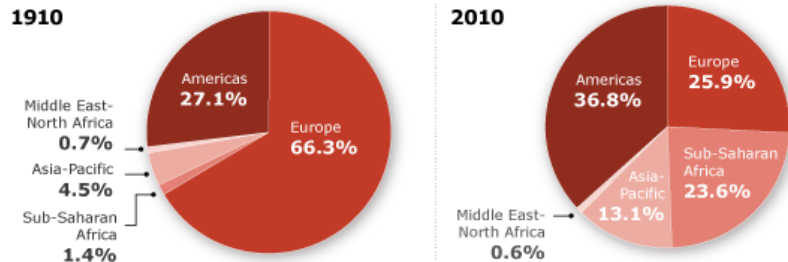
Ephesians 4:11-12 And He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers, 12 for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ.

IV. Diverse in its _____.

Romans 14:1-6 Now accept the one who is weak in faith, but not for the purpose of passing judgment on his opinions. 2 One person has faith that he may eat all things, but he who is weak eats vegetables only. 3 The one who eats is not to regard with contempt the one who does not eat, and the one who does not eat is not to judge the one who eats, for God has accepted him. 4 Who are you to judge the servant of another? To his own master he stands or falls; and he will stand, for the Lord is able to make him stand. 5 One person regards one day above another, another regards every day alike. Each person must be fully convinced in his own mind. 6 He who observes the day, observes it for the Lord, and he who eats, does so for the Lord, for he gives thanks to God; and he who eats not, for the Lord he does not eat, and gives thanks to God.

Point: The church is diverse; _____

Regional Distribution of Christians



Figures for 1910 are from a Pew Forum analysis of data from the Center for the Study of Global Christianity. Percentages may not add to 100 due to rounding.

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Doggy Bag: Something to take home and chew on!

1. Where have I experienced the diversity of the church? What do I appreciate about the diversity of the church?
2. When have I felt like the church did not reflect the diversity of the Kingdom of God? When have I felt like an outsider at church? When have I felt like these are not "my" people?
3. When I have a felt uncomfortable or challenged by the diversity of the church? What have I done that might have made other people feel unwelcome or unappreciated in the church?

