

The Church Jesus Envisions

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One of those days Jesus went out to a mountainside to pray, and spent the night praying to God. When morning came, he called his disciples to him and chose twelve of them, whom he also designated apostles...
Luke 6:12-19

Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself. All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."
Matthew 22:37-40

A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.
John 13:34-35

IN THE CHURCH JESUS ENVISIONS...

1. Everybody is _____

The Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them."
Luke 15:2

Any slaves they may have among them, they persuade to become Christians because of their love toward them...
Aristides

Many persons of every age, every status and also of both sexes, are at risk of joining. The church has spread not only to cities but to villages and farms, but it seems possible to check and cure it.
Pliny the Younger

Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.
Luke 6:20

Sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.
Luke 18:22

When the poor were overlooked by our priests... these Christians noticed how the poor were being overlooked and devoted themselves to benevolence.

Julian the Apostate

There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, neither male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. Galatians 3:28

2. Nobody is _____

Do not judge, and you will not be judged.
Luke 6:37

3. Anything is _____

When Jesus had called the Twelve together, he gave them power and authority to drive out all demons and to cure diseases, and he sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal the sick... So they set out and went from village to village, proclaiming the good news and healing people everywhere.
Luke 9:1-6

After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them... The seventy-two returned with joy and said, "Lord, even the demons submit to us in your name."
Luke 10:1,17-18

...after he had risen. He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved..."
Mark 16:14-15