

Irresistible

what is needed to become

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Want to be part of an irresistible church? Want to be an irresistible Christian? Simply, be Jesus. This isn't impossible. Here's how.

- 1. **Know Him**. To do this you must spend time with Him in study and prayer. Go straight to the source, pray directly to Him, and His Father. Read the source, a Holy Bible, eyewitnesses to His life and quotes of His very words are documented so that you can know Him from those closest to Him.
- 2. Choose to act like Him at home and in the world. Practice makes perfect... well, at least if you practice what He taught you will begin to resemble Him in what you do and say. Acting like Jesus only at home shows that you need to go back to point number one: He loved people 24/7. He put those whom He came to save ahead of His own desires to have God take "this cup" from Him. He also spent time in prayer knowing that the connection to the Father kept Him blameless.
- 3. **Stay in Him**. To do that you must be willing to trust Him with everything you do and especially with everyone you meet. If you are led to serve the needs of others in your fellowship and in the community of the world, then you are choosing to act like Him, so do as He did and stay in Him. There will be times when people who should act positively instead act negatively toward you: don't forget to study and pray because Jesus said that the world will hate you because it first, hated Him, and their need for Him. So, learn how to take a punch and return a loving smile and a prayer.

An irresistible church is made up of irresistible people, who are so because they themselves can't help it. They adore their **Savior** and, therefore, have also made Him their **Lord**, their **Leader**, **in all areas** of their lives. They don't hold anything back, because they choose Him over whatever-else is offered, knowing that **nothing/no-one else in this world can satisfy** them.

Spending time with Him is their first priority because it is what gives them **irrepressible Joy no matter their circumstances**. The Holy Spirit overflows in all that they do because they have done it without grumbling, knowing that it was delegated to them from Him, and for their best, and that He, Himself, will be there to help them fulfill it.

These people study well, find that praising Him has become a natural part of their everyday existence, and desire to share this amazing life with others so no one will be left out. These people will leave their sanctuary and feelings of protected safety and run toward the lost, the hurting, and the needy. These people look for ways to serve others, knowing that they serve Him. They do this because they have spent so much time with Him that they will follow Him into the dark places shining their **Light**. They may be intentional about it, but they will never need it to be made a law.

Those that abandon study for service, or require service and praise do not know Him.

"So be imitators of God, as his dear children. Live in love as Christ also loved us and gave himself for us as an offering and sacrifice, a fragrant aroma to God... For by such grace you have been saved through faith. This does not come from you; it is the gift of God and not the result of works, lest anyone boast. For we are his masterpiece, created in Christ Jesus for good works that God prepared long ago to be our way of life." **Ephesians 5:1-2; 2:8-10**. ISV