

Title: Characteristics of a Healthy Church: The Ecclesiology of
Jürgen Moltmann in the Context of the Karen Church

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ABSTRACT

This study is focused upon a theological study of the Characteristics of a Healthy Church according to the Ecclesiology of Jürgen Moltmann's in the context of the Karen Church. Currently, there are situations that affect the identity of Karen Churches and their mission because of leadership problems, insufficient life system of the postmodern movements, various social and economic problems, and also because of a long political struggling among Karen people. All of these conditions influence the Karen Church and are the challenges of the moment for church development and growth. The Church is the Body of Christ towards the future of hope in anticipation and participation in the Kingdom of God. The writer therefore suggests that a healthy church must not worry and fear any problems of worldly powers but hold steadfast to the hope in the power of Holy Spirit to proclaim Good News to the world in order to glorify the name of the Lord.

This research divides into five chapters. The first chapter is the introduction and in Chapter two the writer summarizes the history of the Karen Church, and defines both

the characteristics of a Healthy Church and Jürgen Moltmann's Ecclesiology in the Context of the Karen Church. Chapter three is concerned with the methodology of this study and Chapter four deals with the Characteristics of a Healthy Church according to the Ecclesiology of Jürgen Moltmann in the Context of Karen Church. Finally, Chapter five is the conclusion and besides that gives recommendation for the Church and for further studies. The writer believes that the study will achieve the objectives and is a benefit for the Karen Church to grow and participate in God's mission as a healthy Church to glorify the name of the Lord.

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