
We Are the Church

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Matthew 16:18 NIV – And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.

What is the Church?

- √ **The church is a _____.**
1 Timothy 3:15 GWT – I want you to know how people who are members of God's family must live. God's family is the church of the living God, the pillar and foundation of the truth.

- √ **The church is a _____.**
Romans 12:5 NLT – [This is how] it is with Christ's body. We are many parts of one body, and we all belong to each other.

- √ **The church is a _____.**
Ephesians 3:10 NLT – God's purpose in all this was to use the church to display his wisdom in its rich variety to all the unseen rulers and authorities in the heavenly places.

How We Are to Be the Church

1. **Because we are family be _____.**
John 13:34-35 NIV – "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

2. **Because we are a body be diligent to preserve _____.**
Ephesians 4:3 NIV - Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.

3. **Because we are a showcase, be _____ with the _____.**
Ephesians 5:18-19 NLT – Don't be drunk with wine, because that will ruin your life. Instead, be filled with the Holy Spirit, ¹⁹singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, and making music to the Lord in your hearts.

The church is an _____.

Matthew 16:18b NKJ – I will build my church, and the gates of hades will not prevail against it.

So, let's _____ the cause of _____.

Matthew 28:18-20 NIV – Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.¹⁹ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And, surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age."