

The Church – So Much More

- What Is The Church?
- Is The Church Universal or Local?
- How Does The Church Function?
- What Does The Church Mean To Me?

What Is The Church?

Culture – Place I go to get spiritual needs met

The Church is Christ's Bride

“Come, I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb.”

-Revelation 21:9

“For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.’ This is a profound mystery – but I am talking about Christ and the church.”

-Ephesians 5:31-32

“As a young man marries a maiden, so will your Builder marry you; as a bridegroom rejoices over his bride, so will your God rejoice over you.”

-Isaiah 62:5

“I remember the devotion of your youth, how as a bride you loved me and followed me through the desert.”

-Jeremiah 2:2

“Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything. Husbands, love your wives as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her.”

-Ephesians 5:24-25

The Church Submits To The Groom

Result: We Find A Place

The Church is Christ's Body

"For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior."

-Ephesians 5:23

"Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it."

-1 Corinthians 12:27

"And God place all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way."

-Ephesians 1:22-23

"He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy."

-Colossians 1:17-18

The Church Serves the Head

Result: We Find A Purpose

The Church is God's Voice

“you will know how people ought to conduct themselves in God's household, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and foundation of the truth.”

-1 Timothy 3:15

“His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms”

-Ephesians 3:10

“We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us.”

-2 Corinthians 5:20

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses. . .”

-Acts 1:8

The Church Speaks God's Words

Result: We Find Power

What Is The Church?

- Christ's Bride: Submit – Find Place
- Christ's Body: Serve – Find Purpose
- God's Voice: Speak – Find Power