

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?

Christ's Bride: Submit – Find Place

Christ's Body: Serve – Find Purpose

God's Voice: Speak – Find Power

Is The Church Universal Or Local?

The Church Exists Universally

The Church Functions Locally

You And I Are the Local Church

It Shapes My Understanding Of The Local Church

The Local Church is important in God's mind and powerful in His hand.

The Local Church holds a deep, personal, meaningful place in my heart, mind and life.

How Does The Church Function

- The Church is a Family
- The Church is a Kingdom
- The Church is an Army
- The Church is a Body

Church Is A Family

“You are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus.”

-Galatians 3:26

“So Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers.

-Hebrews 2:11

Church Is A Family

“He replied to them, ‘Who is my mother, and who are my brothers?’ Pointing to his disciples, he said, ‘Here are my mother and my brothers. For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother.’”

-Matthew 12:48 - 50

Church Is A Family

- Support *-Galatians 6:2,10*
- Love *-1 Peter 1:22*
- Forgive *-Colossians 3:13*

The Church Knows, Loves And Is Loved By God;

The Church Knows, Loves

And Is Loved By Each Other

Church Is A Kingdom/Nation

“For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves.”

-Colossians 1:13

“Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and aliens, but fellow citizens with God’s people and members of God’s household.”

-Ephesians 2:19

Rights

-Philippians 3:19 – 21

Allegiance

-Jude 1:4

Conform

-1 Peter 4:2-5

The Church Is Loyal To The King;

The Church Is Loyal To Each Other

Church Is An Army

“Endure hardship with us like a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No one serving as a soldier gets involved in civilian affairs – he wants to please his commanding officer.”

-2 Timothy 2:3 - 4

“Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil’s schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against . . . the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.”

-Ephesians 6:10 - 12

- Fight

-2 Timothy 4:7

- Defend

-1 Peter 5:8-9

- Obey

-Hebrews 13:17

The Church Obeys The Commander;

The Church Fights Side By Side With

And Defends Each Other

Church Is A Body

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

-1 Corinthians 12:27

- Depend *-1 Corinthians 12:21*
- Strengthen *-Ephesians 4:16*
- Serve *-1 Peter 4:10tr4ujfr4iy8er*

The Church Serves The Head;

The Church Is Interdependent

On Each other

The Local Church Is A Spiritual Reality

“And Elisha prayed, ‘O Lord, open his eyes so he may see.’ Then the Lord opened the servant’s eyes, and he looked and saw the hills full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha.”

-2 Kings 6:17

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What Does It Look Like To Be

Part Of The Local Church?