

The Church

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Review

The Church – “Ekklesia” is a Greek word defined as “a called-out group of people”. A group of people functioning together with a common cause or purpose.

The Church belongs to Jesus – The Bride of Christ

“Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior.”
Ephesians 5:23

The Church is a continuation of Jesus Ministry, Jesus Mission, and Jesus Message.

All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men’s sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. We are therefore Christ’s ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us.”
2 Corinthians 5:14-20

Jesus priorities should be the priorities of the church

“Healthy people don’t need a doctor—sick people do. I have come to call not those who think they are righteous, but those who know they are sinners and need to repent.”
Luke 5:31-32

Together we form the Body of Christ – The Church. Together we continue the ministry of Jesus in our community and world.

Romans 12, 1 Corinthians 12

You were designed for a life of FULFILLMENT & FRUITFULNESS

Who God made me to **BE** determines what He intends for me to **DO**. I start to understand the **PURPOSE** of my life better when I discover the kind of **person** God created me to be.

I am a needed piece of the puzzle for God to accomplish His purposes!

I am S.H.A.P.E.D. for Ministry

Spiritual Gifts

1 Corinthians 12:4-7

“There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit is the source of them all. There are different kinds of service, but we serve the same Lord. God works in different ways, but it is the same God who does the work in all of us. A spiritual gift is given to each of us so we can help each other.”

Heart / Passion

Philippians 2:13

“For God is working in you, giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases him.”

Abilities

1 Peter 4:10

“Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God’s grace in its various forms.”

Personality

Experiences

Romans 8:28

“And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.”

Deposit / Investment

Luke 19:11-26

“...to those who use well what they are given, even more will be given. But from those who do nothing, even what little they have will be taken away.”

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