

# Who Is the Church?



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## ARE YOU A MEMBER OF THE CHURCH?

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- An **assembly** of . . .
  - Those **chosen** by God for His purpose. (Ephesians 1:4-5)
  - Those **called** by God for His purpose. (Romans 8:28; 2 Timothy 1:9)
  - **Born-again** (born from above) believers.
    - Begotten by God (James 1:18; John 1:13; John 3:8)
  - Those who have followed Christ in believer's baptism.
  - Those who have been indwelt with the Holy Spirit of God.
    - (Ezekiel 36:26-27; Ephesians 1:13-14; 2 Corinthians 1:22; 5:5)
  - Those who are led by the Spirit God. (Romans 8:14)
  - Sinners who have committed themselves to be **ONE BODY** to **GROW** into **ONE PERFECT MAN - TOGETHER**. (Ephesians 4:11-16)
  - Committed believers who **BELONG to each other**. (Romans 12:4-5)
  - Those who are willing to give their lives (time, gifts, talents, abilities, money, etc.) for each other. (1 John 3:16)
  - Those who understand that **they are** "the pillar and ground of TRUTH". (1 Timothy 3:15) They "earnestly contend for **the** faith" (Jude 3-4). They live their lives according to the **written** Word of God which is TRUTH. (Luke 4:4; **Psalm 119:160**; James 1:22; Matthew 7:21-27; Luke 12:50)
  - Those who know that they are the **BRIDE of CHRIST** and who **groan** to be with their GROOM. (Romans 8:23-25; Hebrews 9:28; Philippians 3:20-21)

- ▶ Those who **pursue personal holiness**. (Heb12:14; 1 Peter 1:13-16; 1 Thess 4:7; 2 Cor 7:1; Romans 6:19, 22; Psalm 96:9)
- ▶ Those who exhort each other unto **good works**. (Hebrews 10:24-25)
- ▶ Those who **assemble together** weekly. (Hebrews 10:25) ZOOM is not an assembly.
- ▶ Those who are disciples, **serious students**, of Christ. (John 8:31; Matthew 28:18-20; Luke 6:40; 14:26-33; John 13:35; 15:8)
- ▶ Those who follow Christ. (Luke 9:23; John 10:27-29)
- ▶ Those who not only believe but **serve** God. (Matthew 4:10; 1 Thessalonians 1:9; Deuteronomy 10:12-14; Hebrews 12:28)
- ▶ Those who use their God given gift inside a local church for the edification of the Body. (1 Peter 4:10-11; 1 Corinthians 12:1-27)
- ▶ Those who are slaves of God, Christ and each other. (Romans 6:22; Ephesians 6:6; 1 Corinthians 7:22; Matthew 20:25-28; John 13:14-15; 1 John 3:16-19)
- ▶ Those who fear God. (Ecclesiastes 12:13-14; Psalm 103:11; 1 Peter 2:17; **Proverbs 23:17; 2 Corinthians 7:1**)
- ▶ Those who love God and obey His commandments. (John 14:15, 21, 23-24; 15:10, 13-14; 1 John 5:2-3)
- ▶ Those who continually examine themselves and confess, repent, and **forsake** their sins. (2 Corinthians 13:5; 1 John 1:9-10; Luke 13:1-5; Proverbs 28:13; Matthew 3:8; Acts 26:20)
- ▶ Those who confess unashamedly with their mouths **and** lives “Jesus is LORD”. (Romans 10:9-10; Luke 6:46; Philippians 2:11)
- ▶ Sinners in NEED of mercy and grace DAILY. (Psalm 30:10; 33:18; 86:5; 103:11; 147:11; Luke 18:13; Proverbs 28:13)
- ▶ **ONLY THE CHURCH (by God’s definition) GOES TO HEAVEN.**

ARE YOU AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE CHURCH?



Christ is coming only for His Church\*!

\*as He defines Church in His Word