

THE CHURCH IS....

We believe the Church is the body of which Christ is the head and all who believe in Him are members (Ephesians 1:22–23; Romans 12:4–5). (from NAB and FBC Statement of Beliefs)

THE CHURCH IS THE MISSION OF CHRIST

Ephesians 5:25b-26 - Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word.

1 Corinthians 3:11 - For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ.

The church is a divine institution, not a human organization
The mission of Christ involved the Church
He carries on His mission through the church

THE CHURCH IS THE BODY OF CHRIST

1 Corinthians 12:27 - you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.

Romans 12:4-5 - For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.

Jesus, the Son of God, came in a human body
Now, the body of Christ on earth is the church
Through His church, Jesus continues His mission on this earth
Corinthians – 12:12-26

Unity and diversity; diversity and unity
Mutual belonging
Mutual care

We need to be careful how we treat the body of Christ

THE CHURCH IS THE PEOPLE OF GOD

Romans 12:5 - In Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.

Hebrews 10:24-25 - Let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another

We know that the church is the people, the people of God
When we become connected to God through Jesus Christ, we automatically become connected to the rest of His people.
It is true that you need the church
But is also true that the church needs you