



CT Sunday, March 10th, 2019 AM PC Message
Month of March Teaching Series: "You Are Here"
Session #2: "The Church: the Body of Jesus Christ"

INTRODUCTION

Where are you? Aren't YOU the _____!?

Our big idea this morning is you are here- you've got a _____ part to play in THE church of God; the living body of Jesus Christ!

MAIN POINTS

Where did the church begin? *Matthew 16:18*

WHAT'S THE POINT OF THE CHURCH!? *WHY THE CHURCH!??*

The Church is...

- the _____ of Christ,
- the _____ of God through the Spirit,
- with divine _____ for the fulfillment of her great commission.

Ephesians 1:22-23

Ephesians 2:22

Hebrews 12:23

THE PRIORITY AND REASON FOR BEING THE CHURCH IS:

To be an agency of God for evangelizing the world. (*Acts 1:8; Matt. 28:19-20; Mark 16:15-16*)

To be a corporate body in which man may worship God. (*1 Cor. 12:13*)

To be a channel of God's purpose to build a body of saints being perfected in the image of His Son. (*Eph. 4:11-16; 1 Cor. 12:28; 14:12*)

To be a people who demonstrate God's love and compassion for all the world. (*Psalms 112:9; Galatians 2:10; 6:10; James 1:27*)

Precisely what is the church?

What is the _____ Church?

Church structures facilitate the role of God's people, but they do not _____ it.

Biblical Images of the Church

1. Christ is the _____ of the church (Eph. 1:10; 4:15) & Christians are body.
2. "People of _____" (2 Corinthians 6:16; Hebrews 8:10).
3. _____ of Christ (2 Cor. 11:2; Eph. 5:32; Rev. 19:7; 21:9).

What is the Biblical Difference Between the Universal & Local Church?

What exactly does the Church Do? 3 Biblical roles...

(a) W _____

(b) E _____

(c) E _____

A Church Divided or United?

The Church Makes an Eternal Difference

CONCLUSION

6 Closing Biblical Snapshots of What Church Should Really Look Like:

- #1: _____ *Matt. 18:30*
- #2: _____ *1 Cor. 11:23-26*
- #3: _____ *1 Tim. 3:17 & Titus 1:5-9*
- #4: _____ *Eph. 5:18-21*
- #5: _____ *Matt. 18:17*
- #6: _____ *1 Cor. 14:26*

SO WHO ARE YOU?

Have you forgotten who you are???

Where are you???

(If you have put your faith and trust in Jesus Christ as your Master and Saviour, then) YOU are the living breathing church of Jesus!

Act like it.

Be it.

Do it!

RISE UP- **be the church of Jesus Christ.**

(Next Sunday morning we will be sharing "The 2019 CT State of the Church Address".)