



WE GROW TOGETHER

We grow into spiritual maturity by God's power and according to God's design...His design for our growth is the Church.

1. THE CHURCH IS _____

1 John 1:1-3, *That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us— that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ.*

John 17:11, *Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one.*

John 17:20-21, *I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me.*

- ★ **Fellowship (koinonia):** A shared life and participation in community centered around what believers have in common.
- ★ The life we have in common is the life of God!
- ★ As believers we are partnered and linked inseparably with God through Christ...
- ★ And because of that union we each have in Christ, we are therefore linked inseparably together with each forever.

2. THE CHURCH IS A _____

Romans 12:4-5, *For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.*

1Corinthians 12:27, *Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.*

1Corinthians 12:12-13, *For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit.*

- ★ **Pray for each other:** Ephesians 6:18b, ...be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.
- ★ **Bear one another's burdens:** Galatians 6:2, Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.
- ★ **Share what you have:** Hebrews 13:16, Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.
- ★ **Put others first:** Romans 12:10, Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor.
- ★ **Reflect Christ to each other:** Ephesians 4:32, Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.