

Chapter 1

Your Christianity & Your Church

The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you."
1 Corinthians 12:21



1. Chapter 1 aims to rightly complete the following statement: "A Christian is someone who ..."
According to pages 22 and 24, what are the two truths that complete this statement?¹
2. On page 27, how is our membership in the *universal (all)* church and in the *local (us)* church a lot like the relationship between God's free gift of righteousness and our living it out?
3. Dever argues that, when healthy, the local church gives a visual presentation of the gospel to the world. List three ways it does this. (29)
4. Who is responsible for thinking about what the gathering of people called the church should be like? How does Jesus' reply to Saul (soon to be Paul) in Acts 9:4 support this answer? (30)
5. What has chapter 1 taught you about what makes a local church healthy. Is C3 healthy in this regard? In what way(s) can you participate in helping C3 to become healthier?

¹"In short, it's impossible to answer the question *what is a Christian?* without ending up in a conversation about the church; at least, in the Bible it is" (26).