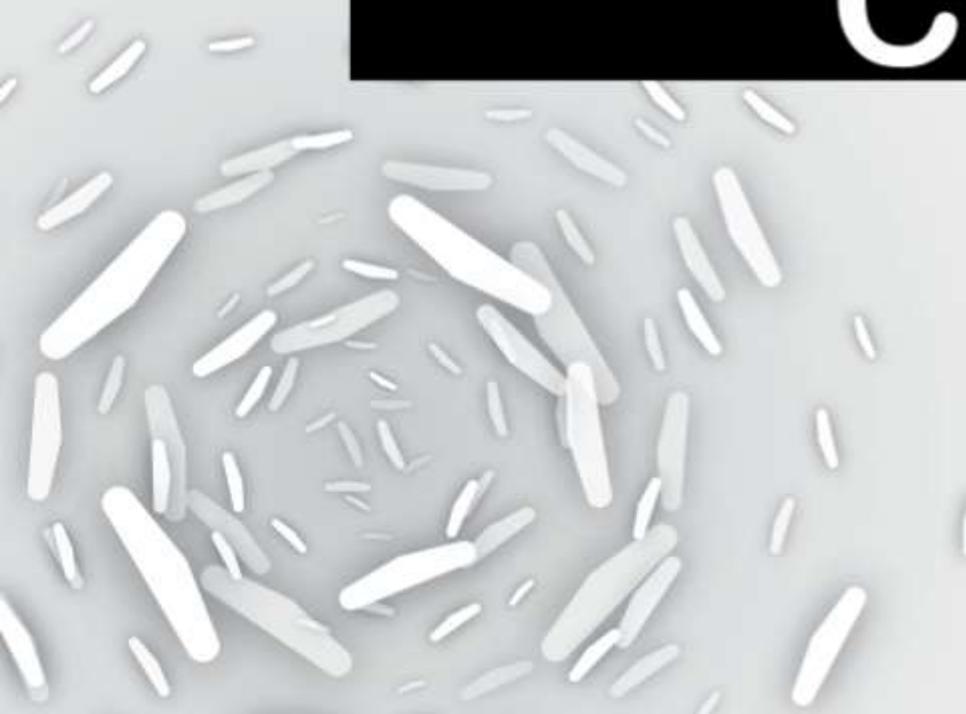


# ▶ Distinctively ◀ Different **CHURCH**



What is the Church?



Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, 4 even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him.

- Ephesians 1:3-4 (ESV)



Therefore remember that at one time you Gentiles in the flesh, called “the uncircumcision” by what is called the circumcision, which is made in the flesh by hands— 12 remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world.

- Ephesians 2:11-12 (ESV)

But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

14 For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility 15 by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, 16 and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility. 

- Ephesians 2:13-16 (ESV)

Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood.

- Acts 20:28 (ESV)



And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near.  
18 For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father.

- Ephesians 2:17-18 (ESV)



Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you?

- 1 Corinthians 3:16 (ESV)



As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell on them just as on us at the beginning.

- Acts 11:15 (ESV)



So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, 20 built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, 21 in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. 22 In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

- Ephesians 2:19-22 (ESV)

# Commitments

Worship



Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

17 And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

- Colossians 3:16-17 (ESV)

# Commitments

# Characteristics

Worship

Sound Doctrine

Expository Preaching

Word Proclamation

Prayerful Dependence

Gospel-centered

Spirit-filled Life

Baptism & Lord's Table

# Commitments

Community



not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

- Hebrews 10:25 (ESV)



# Commitments

# Characteristics

Community

Covenant Membership

Love/Unity/Peace

Mutual Accountability

Restorative Discipline

Biblical Leadership



# Commitments

Service



For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

- Ephesians 2:10 (ESV)



# Commitments

Service

# Characteristics

Multiplying Disciples

Local & Global Outreach

Redemptive Relationships

Compassion/Justice

