



CHURCH 101: WHAT IS THE CHURCH?

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The Church Universal

- The Church Is: *the assembly of the firstborn whose names are written in heaven (Heb. 12:23);*
- The Church Is: *The Household Of God, The Church Of The Living God; The Pillar & Foundation Of The Truth (1 Tim. 3:15)*



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The Church is:

- *The Body*
- *The Brotherhood*
- *The Flock*
- *God's Family*



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What is the church?

- The root meaning of “church” is not that of a building, but of people.



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As the Church:

1. We Are Called By God
 2. We Are Chosen By God
 3. We Are Loved By God
- *The Church Is God's Instrument Of Choice To Impact His World (1 Pet 2:9 NIV) But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.*



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- *Church = “Ekklesia” = “Called Out”*
- *The Church Is A Group That Is:
Called Together For God's Purpose*



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- *JESUS SAID: "I will build my church... And the gates of hell shall not prevail against it"*
- *God Will Prevail
He Will Build His Church*



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The Church Has Passion & Purpose for Doing God's Will

- *The Church Is Called: To Praise And Glorify God, To Establish Jesus Christ's Kingdom, And To Proclaim The Gospel Throughout The World.*
- *The Church Is God's Idea: To share God's glory; To challenge Satan's dominion*



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The Church's Mission Includes:

- To preach the gospel to the world
- To do good to all
- *“Around The World In The Church The Will Of God Is Being Accomplished.”*



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There Is A Worldwide Growth Of The Church That Cannot Be Stopped

- *God Will Continue To Bless The Church Because It Is His Instrument Of Grace To A World Looking For A Savior*



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- The Growth Of The Church
- *Numerical growth*
- The Church Is To Grow To Maturity
- *Growth in character*
- *Growth into Christ*
- *Growth in understanding*



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What Our World Needs Is The Hope, Love, And Power To Change Life That Only Jesus Christ Can Give

- *The Chief Instrument That God Has Chosen To Bring Hope, Love And Power To The World, Is The Church*



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- God Has Called Us Into The Church So The World Can See Jesus Through Us
- John 3:17 *“For God Did Not Send His Son Into The World To Condemn The World, But That The World Through Him Might Be Saved.”*



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- The Church Is Ordinary People Empowered By The Spirit and Responding To God's Call
- *The Church Is People*
- *The Body Of Christ*
- *The Bride Of Christ*



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- People That Make Up The Church:
 - *Profess Trust In Jesus Christ*
 - *Meet Together To Worship Him*
 - *Seek To Enlist Others To Become His Followers*
- *The Church Is Ordinary People Who Are Made Extra-Ordinary -- BY THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT*



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The Church Lives Its Life In The Power Of The Holy Spirit

- *The Church Lives In The Spirit, And The Spirit Lives In The Church*
- *The Spirit Is Given To The Church*
- *The Spirit Seals The Church*
- *The Spirit Guides The Church*
- *The Spirit Teaches The Church*
- *The Spirit Sanctifies The Church*
- *The Spirit Endows The Church With Gifts*



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- **The Early Church Was Made Up Of Ordinary People**
 - *Uneducated & Untrained*
 - *Yet, They Were Used By God To Begin The Most Precious And Holy Organization In All Of Creation The Church*



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The Church Started And Grew

- *Not In The Power Of Humanity*
- *Not In The Buildings*
- *Not In The Programs*
- *Not In The Organizational Structure*

- **The Church Goes And Grows In The Power Of God**



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Great Things Happen To Us In The Church All The Time:

- *It's Not About Us*
- *It's About God*

Everything We Have Accomplished Is Because:

- *God Choose Us*
- *God Is For Us*
- *God Is Working Through Us*



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The Church Has Compassion and Care for the Lost – A Burden for Souls

- (Mark 16:15 NIV) "Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation.(16) Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.



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We Have Concern For The Lost Because:

- *Those Who Are Lost*
- *Those Who Do Not Believe*
- *Those Who Do Not Receive Jesus Christ*
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We Don't Want Any To Perish

- **We Want All To Have Eternal Life Through Jesus Christ**
- **We Freely Give Ourselves In That Endeavor**



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We Care About Things In Our Community That Affect The Spiritual Tone:

- We Care About Our Government
- We Care About Our Schools
- We Care About Our Businesses
- We Care About Our Neighbors
- We Care About The Down And Outers



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**We Care About The Spiritual Condition Of The People
God Has Placed In Our Lives**

- Those Who We Have Crossed Paths With
- Those In Our Family
- Those On Our Jobs
- Those In Our Neighborhood



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We Bring And Include Those We Know Who Do Not Have A Relationship With Jesus Christ

- **We Share Jesus With Them**
- **We Bring Them To The Church so that:**
- **They Will Be Grippped By The Spirit Of God**
- **They Will See A Transformation Of Their Lives**
- **The Chains Of Sin Will Be Broken**
- **Their Names Will Be Written In The Lambs Book Of Life**



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- We Have A Choosing And A Calling From the Lord
- We Have A Passion & Purpose Of Doing His Will
- We Do Extraordinary Things Through Holy Spirit Power
- We Have A Burden For Lost Souls



“EVERY PERSON IS VALUED AND IS THE FOCUS OF OUR MINISTRY.”

1. Every person has the right to a presentation of the Gospel.
2. Every person needs a Biblical moral compass to guide and protect them throughout life.
3. Every believer at CFA needs to find a develop a ministry
4. Every believer at CFA has a calling to advance the global mission of Christ and the Church.

