#### The Church

There is One Church (bride) for which Jesus Christ (bridegroom) is coming back. The Church is made up of born-again Christians all over the world. The Church is the people, and the people are the Church.

#### The Church

It's not where we go to Worship...

It's who we are

#### **These Are Not The Church**

This is where The Church goes to worship







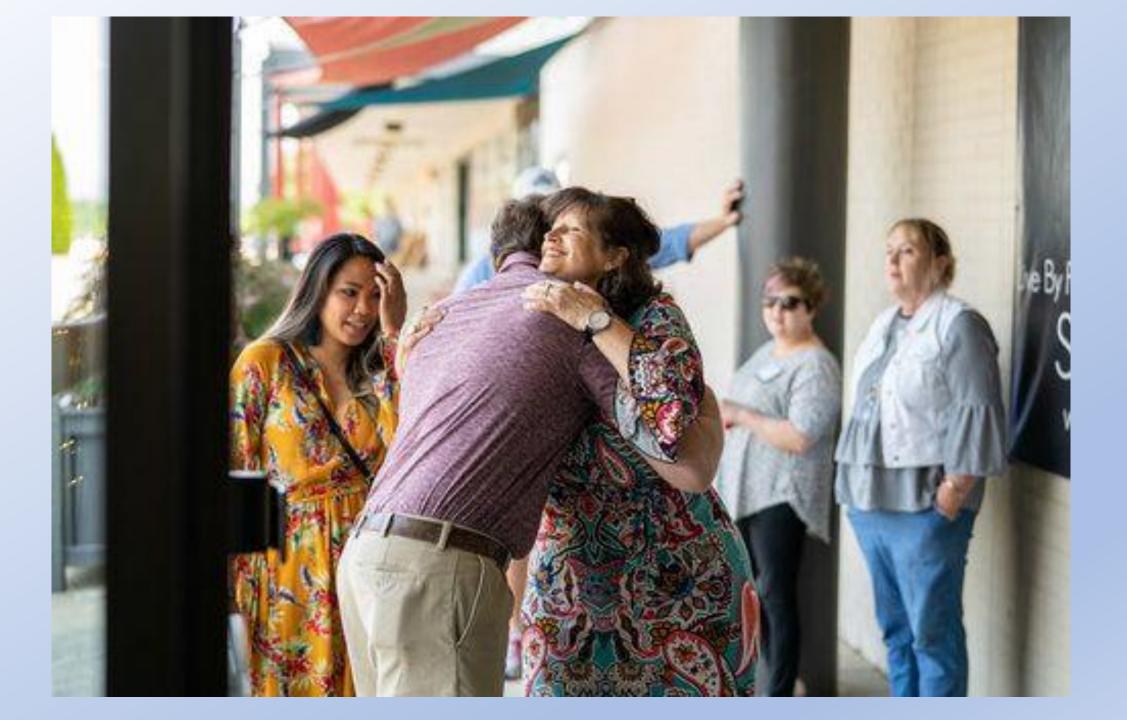


















#### This Is The Church

Also known as the Bride of Christ

If you have trusted Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior

You are the Church

### Matthew 16:13-18

Jesus asked His disciples, saying, "Who do men say that I, the Son of Man, am?" <sup>14</sup> So they said, "Some say John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." <sup>15</sup> He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" <sup>16</sup> Simon Peter answered and said, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." <sup>17</sup> Jesus answered and said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed *this* to you, but My Father who is in heaven. <sup>18</sup> And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not [a]prevail against it.

# Dowry

You were bought with a price

- 1 Cor 6:19-20
- 1 Cor 7:23
- Titus 2:14
- 1 Peter 1:18-19

Since the dowry has been paid, Jesus will certainly return to receive his Bride.

## Other Names for the Bride of Christ

- Christians
- Saints
- In Christ
- Born Again
- The Way
- Redeemed
- Fishers of Men
- Jesus Freaks

#### The Mission of The Church

- While waiting for our Bridegroom's return
  - Hebrews 10:24-25
    - <sup>24</sup> And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, <sup>25</sup> not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.
  - Matthew 25:18-20
    - But he who had received one went and dug in the ground, and hid his lord's money. After a long time the lord of those servants came and settled accounts with them. "So he who had received five talents came and brought five other talents, saying, 'Lord, you delivered to me five talents; look, I have gained five more talents besides them.'
  - Ephesians 2:10
    - For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

## **Be Yourself**

You are The Church