

# The importance of the church

## Most importantly you being at church

### 1 Corinthians 12:12-18 NLT

The human body has many parts, but the many parts make up one whole body. So it is with the body of Christ. **13** Some of us are Jews, some are Gentiles,<sup>[a]</sup> some are slaves, and some are free. But we have all been baptized into one body by one Spirit, and we all share the same Spirit.<sup>[b]</sup>

Yes, the body has many different parts, not just one part. If the foot says, “I am not a part of the body because I am not a hand,” that does not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear says, “I am not part of the body because I am not an eye,” would that make it any less a part of the body? If the whole body were an eye, how would you hear? Or if your whole body were an ear, how would you smell anything? But our bodies have many parts, and God has put each part just where he wants it.

The church is made of all different parts. Meaning the church has different functions

### 1. Church is a focusing tool

#### Philippians 4:8 NIV

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.

There will always be something that you are focused on

#### Exodus 32:1 NLT

When the people saw how long it was taking Moses to come back down the mountain, they gathered around Aaron. “Come on,” they said, “make us some gods who can lead us. We don’t know what happened to this fellow Moses, who brought us here from the land of Egypt.”

## 2. Church is a well

### John 4:10-14 NLT

Jesus replied, “If you only knew the gift God has for you and who you are speaking to, you would ask me, and I would give you living water.”

“But sir, you don’t have a rope or a bucket,” she said, “and this well is very deep. Where would you get this living water? And besides, do you think you’re greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us this well? How can you offer better water than he and his sons and his animals enjoyed?”

Jesus replied, “Anyone who drinks this water will soon become thirsty again. But those who drink the water I give will never be thirsty again. It becomes a fresh, bubbling spring within them, giving them eternal life.”

Believe or not but there are times the even the church will be inconvenient.

Church is the place you refill your pots with water.

You don’t want your pots to run dry

### **3. Church is your safeguard**

#### **1 Corinthians 12:22-26 NLT**

In fact, some parts of the body that seem weakest and least important are actually the most necessary. And the parts we regard as less honorable are those we clothe with the greatest care. So we carefully protect those parts that should not be seen, while the more honorable parts do not require this special care. So God has put the body together such that extra honor and care are given to those parts that have less dignity. This makes for harmony among the members, so that all the members care for each other. If one part suffers, all the parts suffer with it, and if one part is honored, all the parts are glad.

**WE ARE ONE BODY**

Sometimes you will feel disconnected from the body. Feel like you don't belong.

### **4. Church is your home**

Whatever you're feeling just know this. Church is that place you can call a second home. With people that love and pray for each other. No matter what your life has been like. Just know you always welcomed and belong at home