

# Series at a glance

- God's Plan for the World
- What is the *church*?
- Leadership of the church
- God's Word as the DNA of the church
- **Relationships as the lifeblood of the church**
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# What is the church?

- A. A building—*Did you see the new church being built downtown?*
- B. An event—*Hey, I missed you at church last week!*
- C. An organization—*How much did you donate to the church last year?*
- D. A community—*The church really helped me out during a difficult time.*



# What is the modern church?

- A. A building— For me *to be in*.
- B. An event— For me to experience and be “*fed.*”
- C. An organization — To call mine. “*That’s my church*”
- D. A Group — of individuals pursuing individual faith



Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God,  
**to the saints who are at Ephesus** and who are  
faithful in Christ Jesus:

Ephesians 1:1b,

**To the churches of Galatia:**

Galatians 1:2b

...**to the church of the Thessalonians** in God the  
Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

1 Thessalonians 1:1a



And let us consider how to stimulate **one another** to love and good deeds, not forsaking our own **assembling** 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



For even as the body is one and yet has many members, and all the members of the body, though they are many, are one body, so also is Christ.

For also by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

For also the body is not one member, but many.

If the foot says, "Because I am not a hand, I am not a part of the body," it is not for this reason any the less a part of the body.

And if the ear says, "Because I am not an eye, I am not a part of the body," it is not for this reason any the less a part of the body.



If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But now God has appointed the members, each one of them, in the body, just as He desired.

And if they were all one member, where would the body be? But now there are many members, but one body.

And the eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you"; or again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you."

On the contrary, how much more is it that the members of the body which seem to be weaker are necessary,



and those members of the body which we think as less honorable, on these we bestow more abundant honor, and our less presentable members become much more presentable, whereas our more presentable members have no such need. But God has so composed the body, giving more abundant honor to that member which lacked, so that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another.

And if one member suffers, all the members suffer with it; if one member is honored, all the members rejoice with it.

Now you are Christ's body, and individually members of it.

1 Cor 12:12-27



Therefore I, the prisoner in the Lord, exhort you to walk worthy of the calling with which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, being diligent to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

There is one body and one Spirit, just as also you were called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all who is over all and through all and in all.



And He Himself gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the full knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ, so that we are no longer to be children, tossed here and there by waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, by craftiness in deceitful scheming, but speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all aspects into Him who is the head, that is Christ, from whom the whole body, being joined and held together by what every joint supplies, according to the properly measured working of each individual part, causes the growth of the body for the building up of itself in love.

Ephesians 4:1-6,11-16



12b: ...though they are **many**, are **one** body, so also is Christ  
14: For also the body is not **one** member, but **many**.  
20: But now there are **many** members, but **one** body.  
27: Not you are Christ's **body**, and individually **members** of it.



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1 Corinthians 12:22-27



God is faithful, through whom you were called into fellowship with His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Now I exhort you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all agree and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be made complete in the same mind and in the same judgment.



For I have been informed concerning you, my brothers, by Chloe's people, that there are quarrels among you. Now I mean this, that each one of you is saying, "I am of Paul," and "I of Apollos," and "I of Cephas," and "I of Christ." Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one would say you were baptized in my name.

1 Corinthians 1:9-15



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Ephesians 4:11-13



**Love** one another (John 13:34 - This occurs least 16 times)  
**Be devoted to** one another (Romans 12:10)  
**Honor** one another **above yourselves** (Romans 12:10)  
**Live in harmony with** one another (Romans 12:16)  
**Build up one another** (Romans 14:19; 1 Thessalonians 5:11)  
**Be likeminded towards** one another (Romans 15:5)  
**Admonish** one another (Romans 15:14; Colossians 3:16)  
**Greet** one another (Romans 16:16)  
**Care for** one another (1 Corinthians 12:25)  
**Serve** one another (Galatians 5:13)



**Bear** one another's **burdens** (Galatians 6:2)

**Forgive** one another (Ephesians 4:2, 32; Colossians 3:13)

**Be patient with** one another (Ephesians 4:2; Colossians 3:13)

**Speak the truth in love** (Ephesians 4:15, 25)

**Be kind and compassionate** to one another (Ephesians 4:32)

**Submit to** one another (Ephesians 5:21, 1 Peter 5:5)

**Consider others better** than yourselves (Philippians 2:3)

**Pray for** one another (James 5:16)

**Confess your faults** to one another (James 5:16)



**Teach** one another (Colossians 3:16)  
**Comfort** one another (1 Thessalonians 4:18)  
**Encourage** one another (1 Thessalonians 5:11)  
**Exhort** one another (Hebrews 3:13)  
**Stir up** one another to love and good works  
(Hebrews 10:24)  
**Show hospitality** to one another (1 Peter 4:9)  
**Employ the gifts that God has given us** for the  
benefit of one another (1 Peter 4:10)



Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another so that you may be healed. The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much.

James 5:16

Iron sharpens iron,  
So one man sharpens another.

Proverbs 27:17



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Ephesians 4:14-16



And they were continually **devoting themselves** to the apostles' teaching and to the **fellowship**, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers.

And daily devoting themselves with **one accord** in the temple and breaking bread from house to house, they were taking their meals together with gladness and sincerity of heart, praising God and having favor with all the people. **And the Lord was adding to their number daily those who were being saved.**

Acts 2:42, 46-47

