

What Is A Church?

A gospel church is much more than a congregation of people assembled together for the purpose of promoting a creed and continuing the ordinances of divine worship. If we are a true Church of Christ, we have much stronger ties than the waters of baptism produce.

Every true local assembly is a miniature of the church universal, as described by the apostle Paul in the second chapter of Ephesians chapter 2. A true church is a *“habitation of God through the Spirit”*. It is important that we as believers be properly immersed, observe the Lord’s Supper, and hold to a sound creed. But, this is the question of great concern, *“are we a habitation of God?”* If not, all these other things are mere vanities of religious ritualism!

A church is a family, united by the blood of Christ. A church is a body, with Christ as its head. A church is a kingdom, under the dominion of Christ. A church is a brotherhood, established in the love of Christ. A church is a temple, built upon Christ, the foundation of the apostles and prophets.

It is our desire that the Savior’s promise will be constantly fulfilled to us as a church of Christ. – *“Where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them” (Matthew 18, 20)*. Christ’s presence is the one thing we must have! Are we a habitation of God through the Spirit? Let us walk in love, careful that we *“grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby we are sealed under the day of redemption.”* Let us relentlessly beg of our God to manifest the presence of Christ as we assemble in his name, for his glory.

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