

Title: What is the Church?

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Scripture: Matthew 16:15-19

Why People Don't Like the Church:

1. Politics
2. Hurt
3. Fighting
4. Hypocrisy
5. Irrelevant

God's Word on the Church

<u>Passage</u>	<u>Key Word(s)</u>
Matthew 16:15-18	Power/Impact/Conviction
Matthew 28:18-20	Mission
John 13:34-35	Love
John 17:20-21	Unity
Acts 2:41-42	Growth, Teaching, Fellowship, Prayer, Lord's Supper
1 Corinthians 12:14-20	Interdependent
Ephesians 4:11-16	Personal growth and maturity in the faith and life

Church is to be a place . . .

- Where we learn everything Jesus taught
- Where we love and serve each other as Christ loved and served us.
- A place where you experience God
- A place where you make a difference in the world by serving
- A place where you can build a life, family, and have a pretty good time doing it.
- A place you can't help but share with everyone you know.

We Christians are the church and whatever we do is what the church is doing. . . . Any forward step in the Church must begin with the individual. – A. W. Tozer

My Role in the Church Being the Church

1. Forsake all sin.
2. Commit to follow Christ in everything.
3. Walk in the Spirit.
4. Our pursuit and passion is His Kingdom and righteousness.
5. Practice the art of long and loving meditation upon the majesty of God.
6. Our knowledge of God should lead us to a greater commitment to serve our fellow man.