

## THE BRIDE OF CHRIST

*"Let us rejoice and be glad and give Him glory! For the wedding of the Lamb has come, and His bride has made herself ready."*

Revelation 19:7 (NIV)

*"A New Testament church of the Lord Jesus Christ is a local body of baptized believers who are associated by covenant in the faith and fellowship of the Gospel, observing the two ordinances of Christ, committed to His teachings, exercising gifts, rights, and privileges invested in them by His Word, and seeking to extend the Gospel to the ends of the earth."*

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### ❖ Who is the Church?

*"Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by man, but by my Father in heaven. And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.'"*

Matthew 16:16-18 (NIV)

1. The Church is the EKKLESIA of God... those CALLED OUT by God.

*"Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and aliens, but fellow citizens with God's people and members of God's household."*

Ephesians 2:19 (NIV)

2. The Church was FOUNDED by Christ, PAID FOR by His Blood, He is its HEAD.

*"Christ is the head of the church, which is His body. He is the first of all who will rise from the dead, so He is first in everything."*

Colossians 1:18 (NLT)

3. The Church is the BODY of CHRIST.

*"Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it."*

1 Corinthians 12:27 (NIV)

### ❖ The Work of the Church

*"His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms, according to his eternal purpose which he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord."*

Ephesians 3:10-11 (NIV)

1. The Church was created to WORSHIP.

*"Let us not give up worshipping together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another--and all the more as you see the Day (of Jesus' return) approaching."*

Hebrews 10:25 (NIV)

2. The Church was created to WORK.

*"God has given gifts to each of you from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Manage them well so that God's generosity can flow through you."*

1 Peter 4:10 (NLT)

3. The Church was created to WITNESS.

*"When Jesus came near, He spoke to his disciples. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. So wherever you go, make disciples of all nations: Baptize them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Teach them to do everything I have commanded you. And remember that I am always with you until the end of time.'"*

Matthew 28:18-20 (GW)

❖ The Power of the Church

*"You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."*

Acts 1:8 (NIV)

1. We have the KEYS of the KINGDOM.

*"I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."*

Matthew 16:19 (NIV)

2. We have the LIGHT over DARKNESS.

*"You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house."*

Matthew 5:14-15 (NIV)

3. We have the HOLY SPIRIT in us.

*"And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever--the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you."*

John 14:16-17 (NIV)