

# CELEBRATE: The Church

*1 Corinthians 12:12-26*

- *Ephesians 2:20-22*
- *1 Corinthians 3:16-17*
- *Revelation 7:9-10 (cf. 5:5-6)*
- *Revelation 19:6-9; 21:9-10*
- *2 Corinthians 4:7-12*

1. We love the church because \_\_\_\_\_.

- *Ephesians 5:25-27*

2. We celebrate the church because Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ through the church.

3. We celebrate the church because we get a glimpse of God's \_\_\_\_\_  
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## Questions to consider this week:

1. How do we hold the tension of a Church that is meant to represent the perfection of Christ and the glory of His Gospel but is made up of imperfect people?
2. How necessary is the Church in the life of a Christian? Is it a nice luxury or is it vital to our faith and relationship with Christ? Why? If it *is* vital, how is that worked out practically in our lives and the life of the Church?
3. Read places such as 1 Corinthians 11-14, Ephesians 4-6, and James 5:13-20. How are the practices examples of Christ at work in His church? How are these practices more than just practical advice but a glimpse of God's coming kingdom?

*Whoever would be great among you must be your servant and whoever would be first among you must be your slave, even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as ransom for many. (Matthew 20:26b-28; ESV)*