

# (EKKLESIA)

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## Ekklesia

### 1. The Church is not a human invention, it is a divine creation.

*...and upon this rock will I build my CHURCH... Matthew 16:18 (NLT)*

*Ekklesia: an assembly of people; called out ones*

### 2. The Church is...

- an assembly of people called by God.

*So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit. Ephesians 2:19-22 (ESV)*

- the body of Christ.

*For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit. For the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot should say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear should say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body... 1 Corinthians 12:12-31 (ESV)*

- the universal Church.

*There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call—one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.* **Ephesians 4:4-6 (ESV)**

*There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.* **Galatians 3:28-29 (ESV)**

- the local Church.

*And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.* **Hebrews 10:24-25 (ESV)**

### 3. The Church is priceless.

Personally    Corporately    Globally

### 4. The Church is the hope of the world.

*And His name will be the hope of all the world.* **Matthew 12:21 (NLT)**

**Going deeper on your own:** I shared with you that the church is the Hope of the World. If this is the case, and I believe it is, then we should be asking God to use us daily. How about praying a bold prayer with me everyday for the next 30 days? "Lord, today I freshly commit myself to your work as you build your church in the world. I commit all of myself to the role you've assigned to me in the building of your church." Have you ever prayed a similar prayer? Could you imagine if the 2 billion people in the world who claim to be Christ-followers prayed that everyday and sought to do it? Wow! I can't even begin to imagine how God would move in and through us and His church to bring hope to this world. Join me in praying this bold prayer and take the time to send a personal note of encouragement to someone in the church that has impacted your life. If you are willing, I would love to hear how God has used the church to make a difference in your life. You can reach me at [Rusty@CenterPointChurch.com](mailto:Rusty@CenterPointChurch.com).