

# The **Church**

**5. The Church, which is His body**

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**I will build My *ekklesia***

(Matthew 16:18)

# The Church

*ekklesia* = church



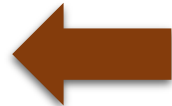
A preposition  
meaning “out of”

*ek* + *klesia*

A derivative of the verb  
*kaleo* meaning “to call”



Any people separated  
from others for  
a particular purpose



An assembly of  
people “called out”



People redeemed  
by the Lord  
and set apart for Him

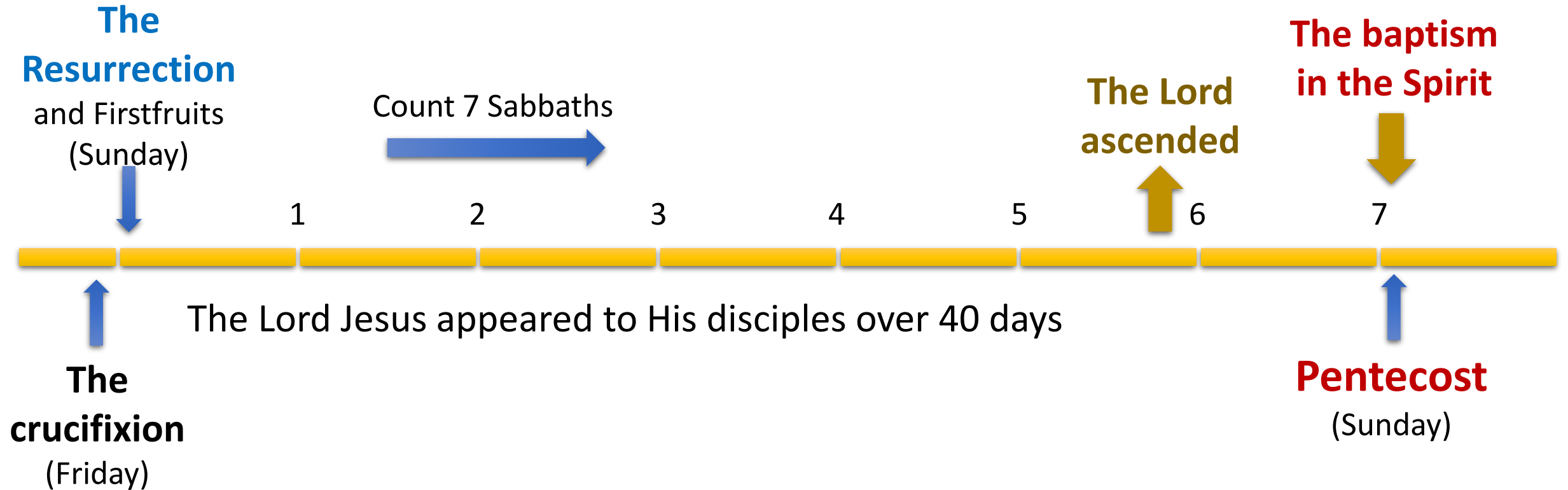
**This cup is  
the new covenant  
in My blood**

(Luke 22:20)



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## The day of Pentecost

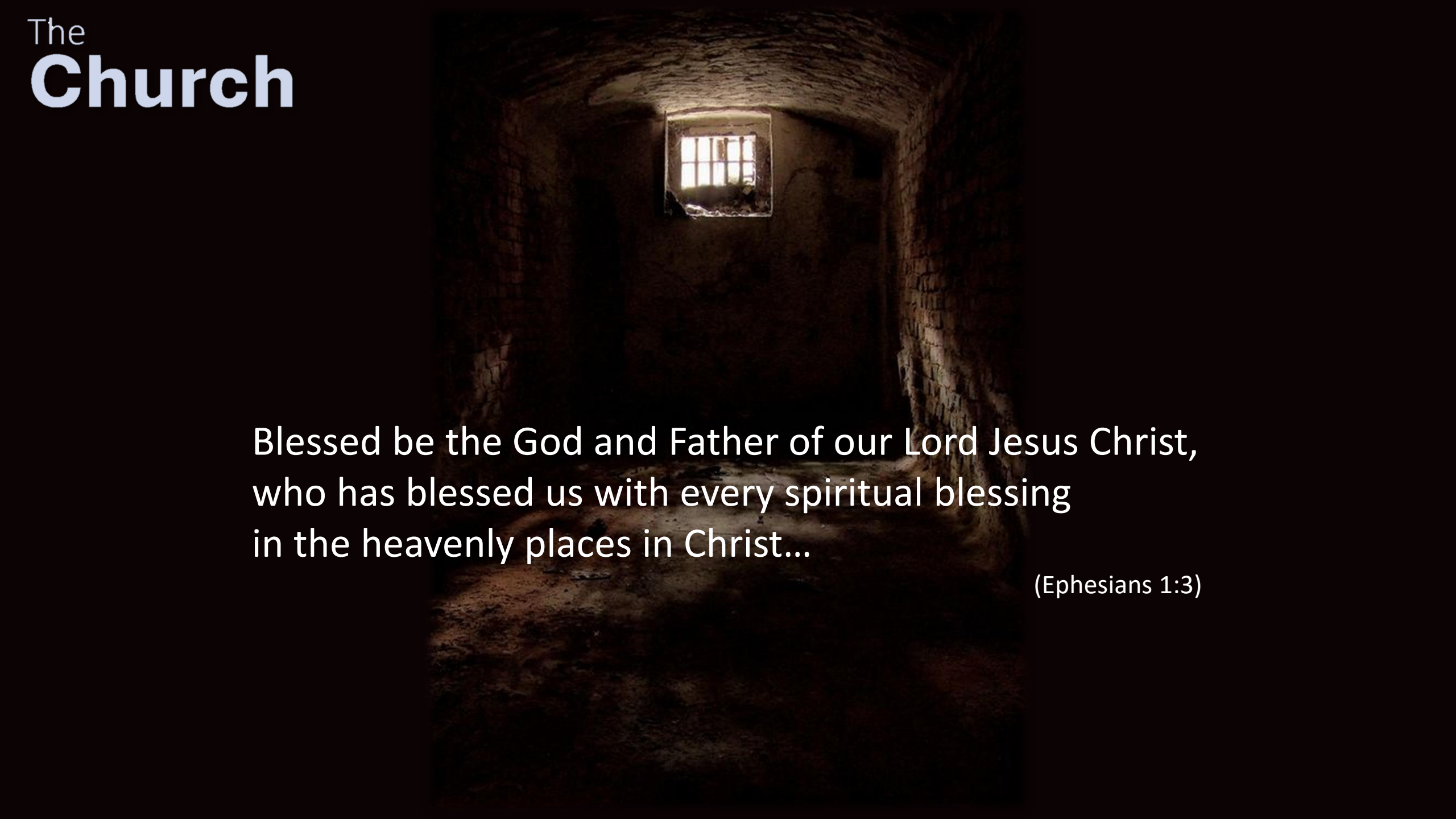


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Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God,  
To the saints who are in Ephesus...

Rome - AD 60

# The Church

A dark, stone-walled tunnel with a small, barred window at the end, illuminated from within. The walls are made of rough-hewn stone, and the floor is dark and uneven. The light from the window casts a soft glow on the surrounding stone.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing  
in the heavenly places in Christ...

(Ephesians 1:3)

# The **Church**

**His glorious grace**

**The riches of His grace**

**The exceeding riches of His grace**

**The unsearchable riches of Christ**



**The mystery of His will**

**The mystery that was hidden in God**



## The mystery of His will

...**the mystery** was made known to me **by revelation**...

that the Gentiles are

- **fellow heirs**
- members of the **same body**
- partakers of **the promise** in Christ Jesus

through the gospel.

With the Jews  
in the ***ekklesia***,  
a new creation

(Ephesians 3:3-6)

# The Church

## The mystery of His will

To me ... this grace was given,  
to preach to the Gentiles  
**the unsearchable riches of Christ...**

so that **through the church**  
**the manifold wisdom of God**  
might now be made known

Multifaceted,  
many sided

The witness  
of the church

to the rulers and authorities  
**in the heavenly places**

according to **the eternal purpose**  
that **He has accomplished**  
in **Christ Jesus our Lord...**

Before creation

(Ephesians 3:8-11)

## The mystery of His will

### Paul's prayer:

...that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory,  
may give **YOU the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation**  
in the knowledge of Him...

(Ephesians 1:17)

## The mystery of His will

...that you may know what is the immeasurable greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His great might that **He worked in Christ** when **He raised Him from the dead** and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, **far above** all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come, and put all things under His feet and gave Him as head over all things to **the church**, **which is His body**, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.

A spiritual reality

(Ephesians 1:19-23)

# The Church

## The mystery of His will

Psalm 8,  
Hebrews 2:8

He put all things under His feet  
and gave Him as head over all things

Matthew 28:18

Why He is reigning  
for the church

to the church,  
which is His body,  
the fullness of Him  
who fills all in all.

His reigning is for  
the benefit of church

Yet He is complete  
and entire in Himself

The church  
completes Him!!!

# The Church

**The church,  
which is His body**

But what does all this mean for us practically?



**The church,  
which is His body**

Let's consider...

1. Our relationship to God
2. Our relationship to each other
3. Our relationship to the world

# The Church

1. Our relationship to God
2. Our relationship to each other
3. Our relationship to the world

See Romans 8:30

God, being rich in mercy,  
because of the great love with which He loved us...

**made us alive together with Christ...**

and raised us up **with Him**

and seated us **with Him**

in the heavenly places **in Christ Jesus...**

(Ephesians 2:4-6)

**In one Spirit**

we were all baptised into one body...

(1 Corinthians 12:13)





# The Church

## 1. Our relationship to God

2. Our relationship to each other
3. Our relationship to the world

Truly, I say to you,  
as you did it to one of  
the least of these my brothers,  
**you did it to Me.**  
(Matthew 25:40)

Saul, Saul, why are you  
**persecuting Me?**  
(Acts 9:4)

**Abide in Me, and I in you. ...**  
I am the vine; you are the branches.  
(John 15:4-5)

Whoever receives this child  
in My name **receives Me,**  
and whoever receives Me  
**receives Him who sent Me.**  
(Luke 9:48)

# The Church

1. Our relationship to God
- 2. Our relationship to each other**
3. Our relationship to the world

For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are **one body in Christ**, and individually **members one of another**.

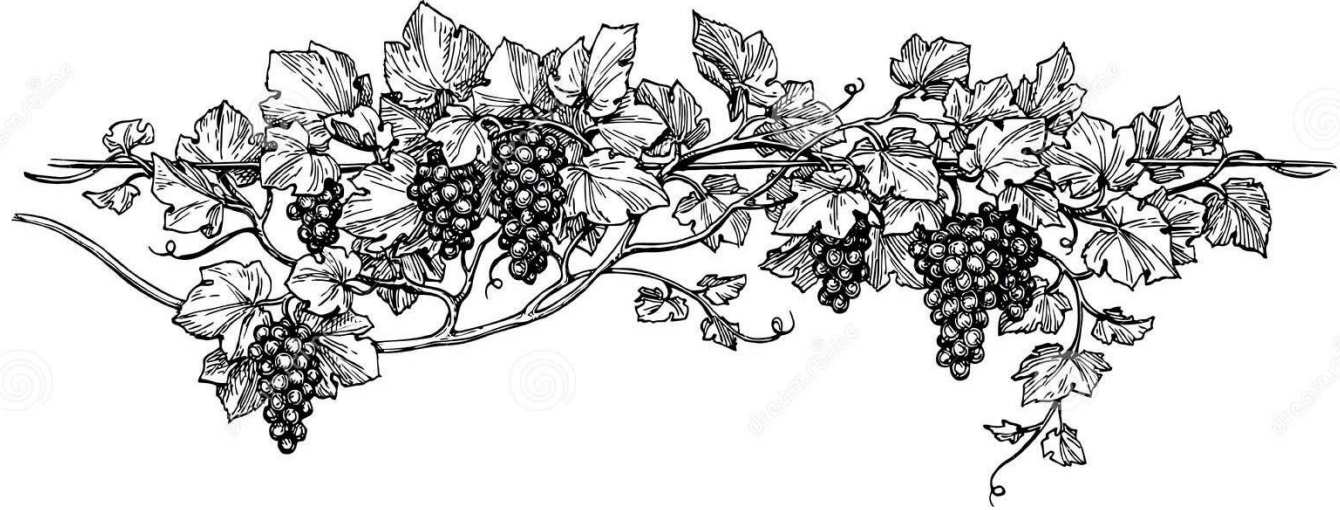


**Having gifts** that differ according to the grace given to us, **let us use them...**

(Romans 12:4-6)

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## **THE CHURCH IS NOT**

an institution or an organisation,  
a denomination or a sect.

It has no membership role on earth,  
and it has no human government.

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**THE CHURCH IS NOT**  
ours to do with as we please.

**Christ is the head**  
and the Holy Spirit has come  
to save, seal and sanctify  
the redeemed.

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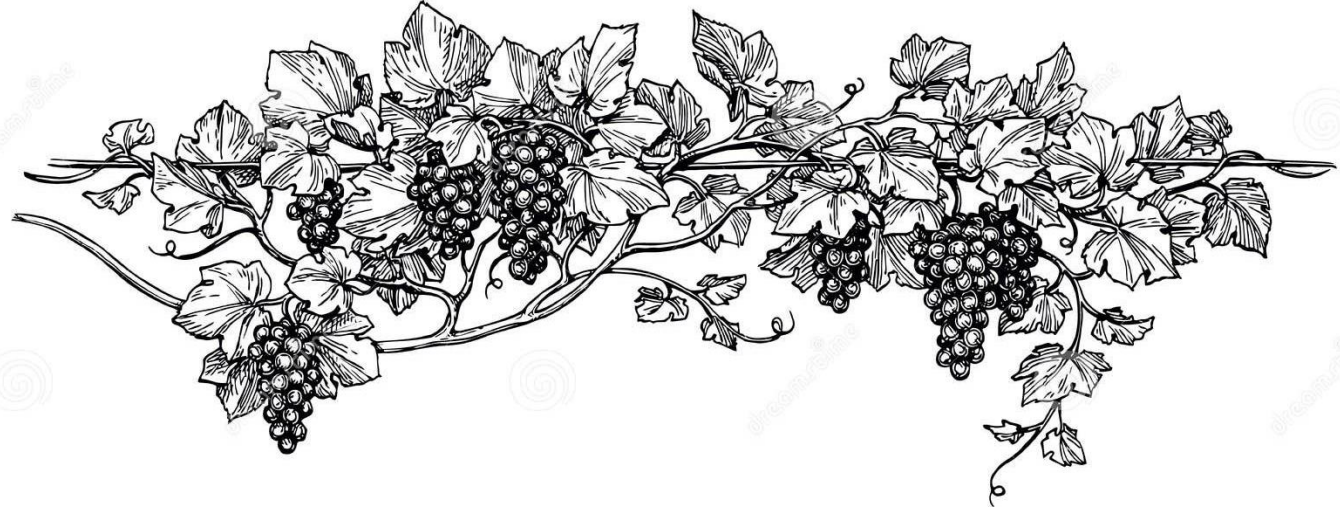


**THE CHURCH IS NOT**  
of this world.

**It is for God and for His glory.**

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## **WHAT MATTERS MOST**

is our relationship with the Lord Himself  
and our faithfulness to Him.

# The **Church**

**The church,  
which is His body**

**Vision**



**Obedience**



**Life, witness,  
fruitfulness, joy**

