



## 3 Reasons You Need the Church

1 Timothy 3:14-16

What is the Church? Better yet, what makes a church a church? Is it the building, the beliefs, or is it the actions of what that group does together? And why are there so many churches? These questions can be answered by first clarifying what is the church versus what is a church, then by understanding the context of why we gather in local congregations. Paul explains we gather as a church because we share a common...

### 1. C\_\_\_\_\_ (v. 16a)

"The Word became flesh  
and took up residence among us.  
We observed His glory,  
the glory as the One and Only Son from the  
Father,  
full of grace and truth. John 1:14

"Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah,  
the Son of the living God!' <sup>17</sup>And Jesus  
responded, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are blessed  
because flesh and blood did not reveal this to  
you, but My Father in heaven. <sup>18</sup>And I also say to  
you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will  
build My church, and the forces of Hades will not  
overpower it.'" Matthew 16:16-18

"But to all who did receive Him,  
He gave them the right to be children of God,  
to those who believe in His name..." John 1:12



C\_\_\_\_\_ Together!

2. C \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 16b)

“Then Jesus came near and said to them, ‘All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. <sup>19</sup>Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup>teaching them to observe everything I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.’”  
Matthew 28:18-20

“But love your enemies, do what is good, and lend, expecting nothing in return... For He is gracious to the ungrateful and evil. <sup>36</sup>Be merciful, just as your Father also is merciful.”

Luke 6:35-36



S \_\_\_\_\_ Together!

3. C \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 15)

“... walk worthy of the calling...”Ephesians 4:1

“... Live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ ...”  
Philippians 1:21

“... so that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to Him...”  
Colossians 1:10

““If your brother sins against you, go and rebuke him in private. If he listens to you, you have won your brother. <sup>16</sup>But if he won’t listen, take one or two more with you, so that by the testimony of two or three witnesses every fact may be established. <sup>17</sup>If he pays no attention to them, tell the church. But if he doesn’t pay attention even to the church, let him be like an unbeliever and a tax collector to you.”

Matthew 18:15-17



G \_\_\_\_\_ Together!