

The Church

As a follower of Jesus, I am a member of His Body, the Church. In Him, we are many members, we form one Body with Christ as the head. As His followers, we all have one thing in common: faith in Jesus. This essential truth unites us with one faith, one Lord and one baptism, and one God and Father. On my own, I am an incomplete image of Jesus to the world, but together we who are the Church present a complete image of God's love.

The Church is a family, God's family; and as one of His children I am a separate and necessary member, yet we all belong to one another. As a member of His family I will pursue the common goal of deep unity in Christ, for together we are made complete in Him. As a member of this family I have a unique and significant function that is vital. Moreover, should I choose not to do my part, the family suffers. As a follower of Jesus, I am a member of His Body, the Church.

Because of my love for Jesus and the rest of His Body, I will share in the responsibility of the Church by supporting its mission, praying for its growth as we share His love with the world, and inviting those who are not a part of the Church to be a part. I will guard my words knowing when I speak of the Church I am speaking about the Body of Christ. Because of Jesus' love for the Church, because He gave Himself for the Church, and because the Church is the Bride of Christ, I will be faithful and committed to the Church. Through this faithful commitment to His church, of which I am a part, He builds my character and produces personal, spiritual growth through accountability. As a follower of Jesus, I am a member of His Body, the Church.

I will be devoted to faithfully gathering in fellowship with the rest of the Body of Christ and to persist in building healthy, growing relationships with others in the Church. It is imperative for me to join with others of like mind and faith. This fellowship is more than simply getting together; it is an authentic community where life change happens. It involves praying together, worshiping together, sharing of meals together, sharing of goods to meet each others' needs, and the hearing and studying of God's Word, the Bible. As a follower of Jesus, I am a member of His Body, the Church.

Study: The Church

Day 1: Unity - *Acts 2:42-47* (Page 832); *Psalms 133:1* (Page 474)

Day 2: One Body - *Ephesians 1:22-23* (Page 895); *1 Corinthians 12:12-27* (Page 877);
Psalms 8:4-6 (Page 417)

Day 3: Citizens of Heaven - *Philippians 1:27-2:4* (Page 899); *Micah 6:8* (Page 706);
Isaiah 57:15 (Page 562)

Day 4: Judgement Begins in The Church - *1 Peter 4:17* (Page 937); *Ephesians 4:11-16*
(Page 897); *Jeremiah 25:29* (Page 594)

Day 5: Clothed in Love - *Romans 12:4-10* (Page 866); *1 Corinthians 12:18-26* (Page 877);
Colossians 3:12-14 (Page 903)

Day 6: Christ is the Head - *John 10:1-18* (Page 819); *Colossians 1:18* (Page 902);
Psalms 118:22 (Page 468)

Day 7: Worship Together - *Romans 12:3-5* (Page 866); *Romans 15:5-6* (Page 868);
Psalms 122:1-4 (Page 472). Read the *Daily Reading* once again and highlight things that stand out. Answer the three Life Transformation questions for growth in this area. Take time to learn the memory verse.

Memory Verse: Hebrews 10:25 *"And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near."* Hebrews 10:25

Life Transformation Questions:

1. As you read the *Daily Reading*, what stood out and why?
2. What action will you take to apply this truth? Be specific.
3. What areas of your life will benefit from this action? How and why?