

The Church

Acts 2:41-47

At baptism they were added to the number (the church).

Devoted: experiencing worship, friendship & life change together.

Ephesians 1:22-23

The church is the body of Christ. The body needs the head.

The church is essential to Christianity.

Ephesians 2:19-22

The church is God's household – we are family.

Cornerstone: Christ; Foundation: Apostles and Prophets (God's word).

Ephesians 4:3-6

Keep unity in these essentials: one body, one Spirit, one Lord etc.

One Baptism: the way into the one body (Romans 6:3-4, 1 Cor. 12:12-13).

1 Corinthians 1:10-13

God is not pleased with divisions among Christians.

Following people and traditions, rather than the Bible, causes divisions.

1 Corinthians 12:14-27

Some feel they don't belong. We do belong and are needed (14-20).

Others feel they don't have a need. We all need the church (21-27).

1 Corinthians 16:1-2

We are called to contribute financially to the work of God.

God blesses cheerful & generous giving (2 Cor. 9:6-8).

Hebrews 10:23-25

Don't get in the habit of missing. Come to all the meetings of the body.

This helps us to be unswerving in our commitment.