



Matthew 16:16-19

Be the Church

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1 Terry mentioned (and you could say this entire message is): “The church isn’t a consumable.”

Is this hard to understand? Why is this important to understand?

2 The term translated church in the NT (meaning Assembly, or The Gathering) can be said to have two distinct meanings, visible (Romans 16:5, 1 Corinthians 1:2, 1 Thessalonians 1:1, Acts 9:31, 1 Corinthians 16:19) and invisible (Ephesians 4:4, Hebrews 12:23).

What is the difference?

2 What are the implications for these pictures of the Church?

Body of Christ, 1 Corinthians 12:12-27

Body of Christ with a head, Ephesians 1:22-23

God’s family, 2 Corinthians 6:18

Vine and branches, John 15:1-11

The pillar and ground of the truth, 1 Timothy 3:15

God’s building, 1 Corinthians 3:9)

A living temple that grows, Ephesians 2:20-21

A holy temple in which God dwells, 1 Corinthians 3:16

A holy nation, a royal priesthood, 1 Peter 2:9

Living stones, built around the cornerstone of Christ, 1 Peter 2:5, Ephesians 2:20

Salt and light of the world, Matthew 5:13-15, Acts 13:47, Colossians 4:5-6