

Fundamentals of the Faith

“The Purpose of the Church”

Ephesians 2:11-22

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- **What is the Church?**

- The church is not a community for perfect people, but a fellowship of sinners saved by grace through faith (vv. 11-14, 17-18); a body being fit together for God’s service (vv. 15-16); a home for God’s family built on Christ (vv. 19-22).

- **Why Do I Need the Church?**

- I can’t be the church apart from the church (1 Corinthians 12:12-26).
- I need the ministry of the church to thrive (Eph 4:11-16, Col 1:25-28).
- I’m vulnerable when I’m disconnected from the church (1 Pet 5:8, Heb 3:7-14).

- **Two Options**

- Attender = Spectator/Consumer

- Member = Participator/Contributor

- Let's be the church (Acts 2:42; Col 3:16; Heb 10:24-25).

Discussion Questions

1. How have you viewed church prior to the pandemic? How has the last year and a half impacted that view?
2. How does your individual participation in the church impact other parts of the body?
3. Describe some of the ways that you could "be the church" in the next ministry year.