

## **"WHAT, WHY AND HOW"**

*Why Church – Part 1*

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### **3 EXPRESSIONS OF THE CHURCH:**

#### **1. The Church is a *FAMILY***

*<sup>19</sup>Now you are no longer strangers to God and foreigners to heaven, but you are members of God's very own family, citizens of God's country, and you belong in God's household with every other Christian.*

**Eph. 2:19 (LB)**

*<sup>6</sup>Humans can reproduce only human life, but the Holy Spirit gives birth to spiritual life. <sup>7</sup>So don't be surprised when I say, 'You must be born again.'*

**Jn 3:6-7 (NLT)**

#### **2. The Church is the *BRIDE* of *CHRIST***

*<sup>25</sup>For husbands, this means love your wives, just as Christ loved the church. He gave up his life for her <sup>26</sup>to make her holy and clean, washed by the cleansing of God's word. <sup>27</sup>He did this to present her to himself as a glorious church without a spot or wrinkle or any other blemish. Instead, she will be holy and without fault.*

**Eph 5:25-27 (NLT)**

#### **3. The Church is the *BODY* of *CHRIST***

*<sup>15</sup>Christ is the visible image of the invisible God. He existed before anything was created and is supreme over all creation, <sup>16</sup>for through him God created everything in the heavenly realms and on earth. He made the things we can see and the things we can't see—such as thrones, kingdoms, rulers, and authorities in the unseen world. Everything was created through him and for him. <sup>17</sup>He existed before anything else, and he holds all creation together. <sup>18</sup>Christ is also the head of the church, which is his body.*

**Col 1:15-18a (NLT)**

*<sup>23</sup>For a husband is the head of his wife as Christ is the head of the church. He is the Savior of his body, the church.*

**Eph 5:23 (NLT)**

## WHY DOES IT MATTER (WHAT DOES GOD USE THE CHURCH TO ACCOMPLISH)?

### 1. Spiritual **GROWTH** and **MATURITY**

<sup>24</sup>Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. <sup>25</sup>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. **Heb 10:24-25 (NLT)**

<sup>1</sup>As iron sharpens iron, so a friend sharpens a friend.

**Pr 27:17 (NLT)**

### 2. The church is God's primary **INSTRUMENT** to bring about **REDEMPTION** and **TRANSFORMATION** in the cultures we live in.

<sup>19</sup>I also pray that you will understand the incredible greatness of God's power for us who believe him. This is the same mighty power <sup>20</sup>that raised Christ from the dead and seated him in the place of honor at God's right hand in the heavenly realms. <sup>21</sup>Now he is far above any ruler or authority or power or leader or anything else—not only in this world but also in the world to come. <sup>22</sup>God has put all things under the authority of Christ and has made him head over all things for the benefit of the church. <sup>23</sup>And the church is his body; it is made full and complete by Christ, who fills all things everywhere with himself. **Eph 1:19-23 (NLT)**

<sup>4</sup>For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, <sup>5</sup>casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ, **2Co 10:3-5 (NKJV)**

<sup>15</sup>Then the seventh angel sounded: And there were loud voices in heaven, saying, "The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!" **Rev 11:15 (NKJV)**

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### **WHY LIFE LINK CHURCH:**

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### **HOW DOES LIFE LINK CHURCH DO THAT?**

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and my life MISSION in the world...**

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