

## Reset: Church

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**MAIN IDEA:** Resetting our perspective on Gods church and His people

### Definitions:

**HOLY:** Set apart by God purpose, for God purposes (Greek root word for “church” is *ekklesia* which means “called out ones”). Made holy by the work of the Holy Spirit

**CATHOLIC:** Two senses

- 1) Universal: for all times, all places, and all occasions.
- 2) Lit. “according to the whole”: What makes the church catholic is sum of its parts. It’s supposed to be diverse, not monolithic.

**SAINTS:** Someone who has been made holy, who is set apart.

**What does God say about His church and His people?**

**This is my BODY.**

- You are different by design (Rom 12:3-8)
  - We are free to serve God with abandon.
- You are all equally valuable in Gods sight (1 Cor 12:12-21)
  - We are made to connect to each other and we need each other
- Gods agenda for you is that you would grow up (Eph 4:1-16)
  - Commit to knowing Gods people and the head of the body: Jesus

**This is my TEMPLE.**

*“..you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house...” 1 Pet 2:5*

- This is his temple, created to worship him (1 Pet 2:9-10)
  - We will always find him here. He will always meet us in our worship

*“...you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel.” Psalm 22:3 NLT*

- This is His temple, and forgiveness is found here
  - Jesus has paid it all, there is nothing left to do. Therefore, live as free people (Gal 5:1)
  - You’ve been forgiven by the king, you are called to forgive (Matt 18:21-35)

**This is my FAMILY.**

- You will always have a place here
  - Father (Rom 8:15)
  - Chosen/Adopted (Eph 1:5)
  - Inheritance (Eph 1:18)
- This is more than the sum of its parts

*“...for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose...” Phil 2:13*

- Gods love for his church is unshakably rugged, and passionately pure

*“Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her <sup>26</sup> to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, <sup>27</sup> and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless” Eph 5:25-27*