



**"GET A GRIP ON YOUR FAITH"**



## **DOCTRINE #10: THE CHURCH & ITS MISSION**

### **Are You Sure?**

- Complete this sentence in ten different ways!  
**The church is....**

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.
- 7.
- 8.
- 9.
- 10.

- What is the purpose of the Church?

### **Statement of Faith #10**



We believe the Church is the Body of Christ with a divinely called ministry. Its purpose is to \_\_\_\_\_ the world, \_\_\_\_\_ God, and encourage believers to \_\_\_\_\_ in the likeness of Christ.

### **The Nature of the Church**

- There are two Greek words for "church".
- 1.
  - 2.

- What are the three metaphors used in the Bible to describe the Church?

#### **1. The \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ !**

- ▶ According to 1 Cor. 12:27, who is the Body of Christ?
- ▶ What is the purpose of each individual part?
- ▶ What should our attitude be toward other parts that may be quite different?  
See 1 Cor. 21-26.

#### **2. The \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ !**

- ▶ According to 1 Cor. 3:16, 17, who is God's Temple?
- ▶ What does 1 Peter 2:5,6 say we are being built into?
- ▶ Who is the foundation of this building? Read 1 Cor. 3:10,11 and Eph. 2:19-22.
- ▶ What is the purpose of this Temple? Note Eph. 3:22. Compare to Ex. 25:8 and 1 Kings 8:27.
- ▶ What personal application can you make about being the Temple of God?



### 3. The \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_!

- ▶ According to Eph. 5:25-32, who is the Bride of Christ?
  
- ▶ What is the picture that is being painted in Rev. 19:7 and 21:2?
  
- ▶ Note the use of this metaphor in Rev. 21:9 and 22:17.
  
- ▶ What point is Paul making about fidelity in 2 Cor. 11:1-3? What do fidelity and intimacy have in common?
  
- ▶ What is the message of the Parable found in Matt. 25:1-13?

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## The Work of the Church

- What are the three purposes of the Church as stated in the Statement of Faith?

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

- What does the Bible say about these purposes of the Church?

#### 1. Evangelize the World!

- ▶ What does Mark 16:15 tell us to do?
  
- ▶ Where does Acts 1:8 tell us to go?
  
- ▶ Who does Rom. 10:13-15 say must be involved?

## 2. Worship God!

- ▶ What is meant by Hebrews 13:15?
  
- ▶ What does Rom. 12:1,2 teach us about how we are to worship?
  
- ▶ What does Psalm 95:6 tell us to do?

## 3. Grow in the Likeness of Christ!

- ▶ What has God given to the Church, and for what purpose? See Eph. 4:11-16.
  
- ▶ According to Col. 1:28, what is the goal of the Church?
  
- ▶ In summary, what is a good two-word Mission Statement for the Church? Read Matt. 28:19, 20.