God’s Greatest Gifts

The Church
Gift # 3: The Church

The Church is God’s Chosen Instrument To Work In Our World

“...I will give you the keys of the Kingdom”
Mt 16:13-19  Pg 694

• His Authority
• His Blessing
• His Protection
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The Church Holds A Unique Place In The Heart of God!
Eph 5:25-33   Pg 829

We Should...

• Love it like He loves it
• Give Ourselves to it like He did
• Build it in every way like He did
The Church Is Like A Diamond, Multi-Dimensional!

Bride of Christ          Purity

“I am jealous for you with a godly jealousy. I promised you to one husband, to Christ, so that I might present you as a pure virgin to him.”

2Co 11:2
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Kingdom of God God’s Rule

“For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves...”

Col 1:13
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Building/Temple, God's Presence

"The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by hands. ” Ac 17:24

“And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit. ” Eph 2:22
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Vineyard Spiritual Fruit

"I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing."

John 15:5
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Flock  Spiritual Care

"I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me...and I lay down my life for the sheep, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd. "

John 10:14
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Body of Christ  Spiritual Connection

“...so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. ”

Romans 12:5
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Family of God Relationship

“Because you are sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, Father." So you are no longer a slave, but a son; and since you are a son, God has made you also an heir.”

Galatians 4:6
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Army of God Purpose

“Endure hardship with us like a good soldier of Christ Jesus.” 2Tim 2:3

“For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.” Ephesians 6:12
How Do **YOU** See The Church?

God’s Chosen Instrument to Change Our World?

Something that Holds a Unique Place In the Heart of God?

Beautiful Creation that Reflects Many Different Aspects of His Work?

Have **YOU** Found **YOUR** Place In God’s Church?