

# 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*





## **Gift # 3: The Church**

***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*





# *The Church Is Like A Diamond, Multi-Dimensional!*

*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*





# *The Church Is Like A Diamond, Multi-Dimensional!*

*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*





# *The Church Is Like A Diamond, Multi-Dimensional!*

*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?*