



## The Nature of the Church

### The Church as the PEOPLE OF GOD

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*Romans 9: 22 – 26 —<sup>22</sup> What if God, choosing to show his wrath and make his power known, bore with great patience the objects of his wrath—prepared for destruction? <sup>23</sup> What if he did this to make the riches of his glory known to the objects of his mercy, whom he prepared in advance for glory —<sup>24</sup> even us, whom he also called, not only from the Jews but also from the Gentiles? <sup>25</sup> As he says in Hosea: “I will call them ‘my people’ who are not my people; and I will call her ‘my loved one’ who is not my loved one,”<sup>26</sup> and, “It will happen that in the very place where it was said to them, ‘You are not my people,’ they will be called ‘sons of the living God.’ ”*

### The Church as the BODY OF CHRIST

The concept of church as the Body of Christ emphasizes that \_\_\_\_\_

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*1 Corinthians 12: 12 – 13 & 27 —<sup>12</sup> The body is a unit, though it is made up of many parts; and though all its parts are many, they form one body. So it is with Christ. <sup>13</sup> For we were all baptized by one Spirit into one body—whether Jews or Greeks, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink . . .<sup>27</sup> Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.*

### The Church as the TEMPLE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

The concept of church as the Temple of the Holy Spirit emphasizes that \_\_\_\_\_

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*1 Corinthians 3: 16 & 17 —<sup>16</sup> Don’t you know that you yourselves are God’s temple and that God’s Spirit lives in you? <sup>17</sup> If anyone destroys God’s temple, God will destroy him; for God’s temple is sacred, and you are that temple.*

*Ephesians 2: 21 & 22 —<sup>21</sup> In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. <sup>22</sup> And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.*