



“Why Christians Should Love the Church”

Selected Scripture

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Ephesians 2:20-22

²⁰ ...built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, ²¹ in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. ²² In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

Acts 20:28

Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood.

Matthew 16:18

And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

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Six biblical reasons why Christians should love the church:

1. Jesus **founded** the church. - Ephesians 2:20-22
2. Jesus **died** for the church. - Acts 20:28
3. Jesus is only **building** ONE institution. - Matthew 16:18
4. Jesus guaranteed the church is going to **win** in the **end**.
- Matthew 16:18
5. Jesus **loves** the church and gave **Himself** up for her.
- Ephesians 5:22-33
6. Jesus says the church is the **Body** of **Christ**.
- Ephesians 1:22-23

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