



ONE HOLY CATHOLIC & APOSTOLIC CHURCH

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WHAT IS THE CHURCH?

- 1) **Building**: women should be silent in the churches (1 Corinthians 14:34)
- 2) **Clergy**: If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. (Matthew 18:17)
- 3) **The believers**: While Peter was kept in prison, the church prayed fervently to God for him. (Acts 12:5), John to the seven churches that are in Asia (Revelation 1:4)

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE CHURCH



1. One
2. Holy
3. Catholic
4. Apostolic



ONE CHURCH

- **One Christ**: I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. (John 10:16)
- **United in God**: that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. (John 17:21)
- **One Body**: so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. (Romans 12:5);
There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. (Galatians 3:28)
making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. (Ephesians 4:3-6)



ONE CHURCH

- **One Bride:** You yourselves are my witnesses that I said, 'I am not the Messiah, but I have been sent ahead of him.' He who has the bride is the bridegroom. The friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him, rejoices greatly at the bridegroom's voice. For this reason my joy has been fulfilled. (John 3:28-29); I feel a divine jealousy for you, for I promised you in marriage to one husband, to present you as a chaste virgin to Christ. (2 Corinthians 11:2)

HOLY CHURCH



- because we are members of his body. (Ephesians 5:30)
- But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the Spirit of our God. (1 Corinthians 6:11)
- For God did not call us to impurity but in holiness. (1 Thessalonians 4:7)
- Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. (James 5:14-16)
- like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. (1 Peter 2:5)

HOLY CHURCH

- Holy through the sacraments
- Holy through the Blood of Christ



CATHOLIC (UNIVERSAL) CHURCH



- Old and New Testament
- The heavenly and the earthly
- All classes of society
- All races
- All ages
- Both genders
- All levels of spiritual stature



APOSTOLIC CHURCH

1. Founded by the Apostles
2. Following the Apostolic teachings

Ephesians 2:20

built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone.

Matthew 28:19-20

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”