

# C H U R C H

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**Matthew 16:18** English Standard Version

**<sup>18</sup> 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.**

The first time that the word Church is used is found here in this Scripture. What/Who is the Church? How does God expect His Church to react/respond?

## 1. **C. Called Out & Called Forth**

- Greek word ekklesia means Called Out and Called Forth.
- The Church is Called Out of a life of sin and darkness and Called Forth to share their story of Christ's love and forgiveness.

1 Peter 1:15 / Romans 13:12 / Ephesians 5:8-12  
Mark 16:15-16 / 2 Corinthians 5:20

## 2. **H. Hospital**

- Mission Statement of the Church. **Luke 4:18**
- The Church is a place where and a people who ...
  - Give the Good News of Christ's grace and mercy to those who are lost.
  - Can find healing and where others can come to receive healing from their broken hearts.
  - Proclaim that freedom and forgiveness from sin can be obtained through repentance.
  - Can have our spiritual eyes opened to the light of Jesus Christ.
  - Can experience release of bondages that have weighed us down along our spiritual journey.

**Matthew 12:9-13**

## 3. **U. Unity**

- The Church should be a place where people can experience a unity, a place and a people who are not governed by schisms, divisions, or drama.

**1 Corinthians 1:11 / James 3:15 / Colossians 3:15**

## 4. **R. Restoration & Reconciliation**

- The Church is a place where families are restored and where those who are living a lifestyle of sin can be reconciled to Christ.
- The Church is a people who strive to destroy division and are agents of reconciliation.
- The Church is a place and a people are the example of Christ's reconciling love to people of all ethnicities and economic status.

**2 Corinthians 5:14-21 / Genesis 1:27 / 1 John 4:20  
1 John 1:6 / John 7:24 / John 13:34-35**

## 5. **C. Community**

- The Church is a family; a community of believers in the truths taught by Christ and His followers.

**Romans 12:15**

## 6. **H. Holy Spirit**

- The Church is a place where and a people in whom are guided by the Holy Spirit to live Holy lives.
- The Church is a place where and a people in whom the Holy Spirit is allowed to move freely.
- The Church is a people who learn about and exemplify the Gifts of The Spirit and the Fruit of The Spirit.
- The Church is a people who promotes the ministry of The Holy Spirit which is Comforter, Counselor, and Revealer of The Truth of God's Word.

### a. The Holy Spirit Comforts Us

**John 14:16**

### b. The Holy Spirit Directs Our Path

**Acts 11:11-12 / Acts 16:6-7 / Luke 4:1**

### c. The Holy Spirit Teaches Us

**John 14:16**

### d. The Holy Spirit Changes Us

**Galatians 5:22**