

# The Church

Matthew 16:18

Introduction: The Church today is facing an identity crisis.

There are some who have lost their zeal, some who have lost their dedication and some who have compromised.

Today we will study the uniqueness and beauty of the church.

## I. The Church is the Family of God

We are born again children

1 Peter 1:22-23, 1 John 3:1

We are honored as God's own

Acts 16:34, Romans 8:14-18

## II. The Church is the Body of Christ

We are the body of Christ

Ephesians 1:22-23, Ephesians 4:16

We must treat one another well

1 John 4:20, Romans 14

## III. The Church is the Called Out of the World

We are "called out"

2 Thessalonians 2:13-14, 2 Corinthians 6:17-18

In the world, not of the world

John 17:15, Matthew 5:16

## IV. The Church is Not a Man-Made Church

No sects or denominations in God's Church

Acts 24:5, Acts 28:22

We are Christians, nothing more and nothing less

1 Peter 4:16, Galatians 2:20