



**welcome to
shofar
Christian church**



**This is What We
Do: Part 1**

Why Church?



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- Church
- Small group
- Self
- Serve



God's people gathering

- (Psa 106:47) Save us, O LORD our God, and gather us from among the nations, that we may give thanks to your holy name and glory in your praise.
- (Psa 106:48) Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting! And let all the people say, "Amen!" Praise the LORD!



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- (Psa 122:1) **A Song of Ascents. Of David.** I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD!"
- (Psa 149:1) Praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD a new song, his praise in the assembly of the godly!



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- (Act 2:46) And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts,
- (Act 2:47) praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.



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- (Act 5:42) And every day, in the temple and from house to house, they did not cease teaching and preaching that the Christ is Jesus.



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- (1Co 14:26) What then, brothers? When you come together, each one has a hymn, a lesson, a revelation, a tongue, or an interpretation. Let all things be done for building up.



Church:
Why do we do this?



1 John 3:10-16

- (1Jn 3:10) By this it is evident who are the children of God, and who are the children of the devil: whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is the one who does not love his brother.
- (1Jn 3:11) For this is the message that you have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another.



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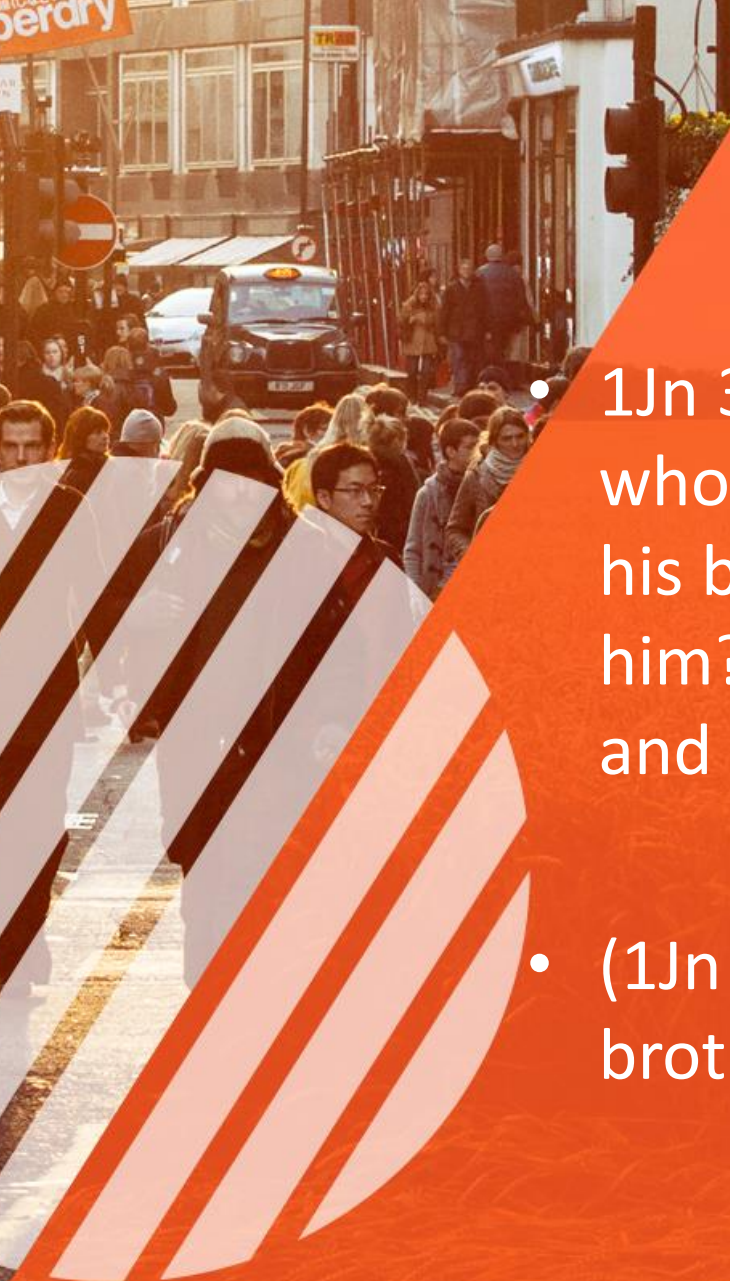
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Two examples: Jesus and Cain

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Example 1:


The broken “love” of Cain

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Example 2: The love of Jesus

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More examples of Jesus' love

- (Rom 5:8) but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.
- (Luk 23:34) And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." And they cast lots to divide his garments.



- The world loves with a broken love and loves conditionally, but Jesus loves with Redemptive love, and teaches us to do the same.



So what kind of Love is in us?

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- (Eph 4:12) to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ,
- (Eph 4:13) **until we all attain** to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ,



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- (Eph 4:15) Rather, speaking the truth in love, **we are to grow up in** every way into him who is the head, into Christ,



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- 3) So that, through redemptive love, we will reach sinners for Jesus and obey Math 28:19



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