

My church Where is My church?

Encounter 2: Church is:
Cathedral, factory, school, prison, house,
barracks, picnic, concentration camp,
playground, battle-ground, battleship, train
station.

The church consist of people who have been
“called out of” sin and out of the world and
have assembled for a common purpose.

We, the church, are:

- God's building
- Christ's body
- Christ's bride
- Holy Spirit's temple

God's building:
Jesus is the founder, foundation and builder

¹¹ For no other foundation can anyone lay
than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

And I also say to you that you are Peter, and
on this rock I will build My church, and the
gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.

²⁰ As it is, there are many parts, but one body. ²¹ The eye cannot say to the hand, “I don’t need you!” And the head cannot say to the feet, “I don’t need you!” ²² On the contrary, those parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable,

1 Corinthians 12: 20-27 (NKJV)

²³ and the parts that we think are less honorable we treat with special honor. And the parts that are unpresentable are treated with special modesty, ²⁴ while our presentable parts need no special treatment. But God has put the body together, giving greater honor to the parts that lacked it,

1 Corinthians 12: 20-27 (NKJV)

²⁵ so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other. ²⁶ If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it. ²⁷ Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.

²² Wives, submit to your own husbands,
as to the Lord. ²³ For the husband is head
of the wife, as also Christ is head of the
church; and He is the Savior of the body.
²⁴ Therefore, just as the church is subject
to Christ, so let the wives be to their own
husbands in everything.

Ephesians 5: 22-27 (NKJV)

²⁵ Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, ²⁶ that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, ²⁷ that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish.

Ephesians 5: 22-27 (NKJV)

41 Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them.

47 praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.

Acts 2: 41 & 47 (NKJV)

¹⁶ Do you not discern and understand that you [the whole church at Corinth] are God's temple (His sanctuary), and that God's Spirit has His permanent dwelling in you [to be at home in you, collectively as a church and also individually]?

1 Corinthians 3: 16 (AMPC)

⁹ I, John, both your brother and companion in the tribulation and kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was on the island that is called Patmos for the word of God and for the testimony of Jesus Christ.

¹⁰ I was in the Spirit on the Lord's Day, and I heard behind me a loud voice, as of a trumpet, ¹¹ saying, "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last," and, "What you see, write in a book and send it to the seven churches which are in Asia: to Ephesus, to Smyrna, to Pergamos, to Thyatira, to Sardis, to Philadelphia, and to Laodicea."

Revelation 1: 10-11 (NKJV)

¹² Then I turned to see the voice that spoke with me. And having turned I saw seven golden lampstands, ¹³ and in the midst of the seven lampstands One like the Son of Man, clothed with a garment down to the feet and girded about the chest with a golden band.

¹⁴ His head and hair were white like wool, as white as snow, and His eyes like a flame of fire; ¹⁵His feet were like fine brass, as if refined in a furnace, and His voice as the sound of many waters;

²⁰ The mystery of the seven stars which you saw in My right hand, and the seven golden lampstands: The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands which you saw are the seven churches.

“He who has an ear, let him hear what
the Spirit says to the churches”

Global Prayer & Fast:

Day 1: Understanding Who God is.
Thank God for choosing to reveal Himself to you. Ask the Holy Spirit for a fresh revelation of God's character – He always wants to reveal more of Himself.

Day 2: Understanding who we are.
Together with a trusted friend, share an area of vulnerability or weakness that tends to lead you away from His living waters. Meditate upon what the Word says about your identity and purpose in Him. This week, take time to declare these truths over yourself daily.

Day 3: Loving our neighbours.
Pray for understanding and wisdom to know how you can practically love the Lord and serve those around you. Share this within your Small Group / as a couple / as a family / as a local congregation. Pray for your local leaders and Shofar's apostolic leadership that they would walk in step with the priorities of the Holy Spirit for 2020.

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