**Christ’s Church**

1. Christ’s church is not…
2. A building.
* (Stephen) Acts 6:13-14; 7:44-50 (Had made mention of idolatry to calf) (READ)
1. A denomination.
* Denomination – to call by or name something after another.
* 1 Corinthians 1:10-13
* In order have a church named after you…
	+ Serve as a sinless sacrifice. (Hebrews 10:11-12; Romans 3:23)
	+ Must have God given authority. (Matthew 28:18)
1. A social club.
* John 4:23-24 (seeking such to ***worship*** Him)
* 1 Corinthians 11:22 (making LS common meal; also not waiting on each other)
1. A man’s idea.
* Ephesians 1:3-6; 3:8-12 – Eternal Purpose. (READ)
1. Christ’s church is…
2. His body.
* Colossians 1:18,24; Ephesians 1:22-23
* It is united – 1 Corinthians 12:27 (made up of people)(READ)
	+ (Romans 12:16; 2 Corinthians 13:11)
1. Only one body.
* Ephesians 4:4-6
* Ephesians 5:22-33 (READ) – Christ bridegroom, church bride.
	+ Genesis 2:24 – One man one woman.
1. For…
2. Evangelism
* Matthew 28:18-20
* Acts 2:46-47
* 2 Timothy 4:2
1. Edification
* 1 Corinthians 14:1-5, 12, 18-19, 40 (READ)
* Ephesians 4:16
1. Benevolence
* 1 Corinthians 16:1-2; Romans 15:25-27 (READ)
1. The fulfillment of God’s plan.
* Matthew 16:18
* The called out – 1 Peter 5:10
	+ To be saints – 1 Corinthians 1:2
	+ To be children of God – 1 John 3:1
	+ To salvation through Christ – 1 Thessalonians 5:9
	+ To inherit a blessing – 1 Peter 3:8-9

**Are you a member of Christ’s church?**

**Why not?**