

**Myth 1:** Church exists to make life a little better

**Truth:** Church exists to give something greater than life itself.

**Myth 2:** Church is a building

**Truth:** Church is a people

**Myth 3:** It's the job of "religious professionals" to do the work of ministry.

**Truth:** It's the job of pastors to equip all believers to do the work of ministry.

**Myth #4:** The Church is a gathering of individuals

**Truth:** The Church is the one, united, “new humanity” (Eph 2:15) in Christ Jesus which reflects the loving unity of the triune God.

**Rom. 5:5.** “God’s [very own] love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.”

**John 17:20-23,26** “I ask...that they may all be one. **As you**, Father, are in me and I am in you, **may they also** be in us... The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that **they may be one, as we are one**. I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them **even as you have loved me**. I made your name known to them... so that **the** [very same] **love with which you have loved me may be in them**, and I in them.”

**1John 4:7-8** Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God....Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love.

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## **Applications**

- 1. Make Jesus Christ Your Source of Life**
  - \* Spirit:** Will the truth
  - \* Soul:** Think the truth
  - \* Body:** Live the truth.

## 2. Love One Another

**John 13:34** I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should ***love one another.***

**John 15:12** “This is my commandment, that you ***love one another as I have loved you.***

**John 15:17** I am giving you these commands so that you may ***love one another.***

**1Pet. 1:22** Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, ***love one another*** deeply from the heart.