

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.