



Church

We use the word Church to mean a lot of different things

There exists one true Church, which is called the Household of God, the Body of Christ, and the Temple of the Holy Spirit. It is comprised of all true disciples of Jesus Christ and is created by the action of the Holy Spirit. Tangible expressions of this true Church are found in local churches.

- Church is not a building or service
- Church is a group of people (Ekklesia)
- It is all those through out time who have put their faith in Jesus

What is the church supposed to be?

- 1) The household of God
Ephesians 2:19, Ephesians 1:5
-A pagan captive would become a part of a Roman family

How you became a Roman soldier/citizen

- 1) Defeated in battle
- 2) Chosen by a Roman family, adopted, and given a Roman land inheritance
- 3) Went to a citizenship class to learn Roman culture and etiquette
- 4) Empowered with Roman citizenship
- 5) Starts to actually live and act like a Roman

- *we are to be God's family
- *Are you loving and caring for those in Veracity like they are your family?
- *Veracity Thanksgiving is coming up

- 2) the body of Christ
1 Corinthians 12:12-20
-we have a unity like the unity of the human body
-we have a mission and we all have a part to play in it
-we need each other

- 3) the temple of the Holy Spirit
1 Corinthians 3:16
-when we put our faith in Jesus God's spirit is with us as individuals
-we we are meeting as a group of believers God is present with us
*everything we do as a church should be centered around Jesus

- *we aren't just a group of nice people caring for each other and doing nice things for the community
- *our goal is to know Jesus better and help others know Him