What is the church?

Ephesians 4:11-16 // 6 August 2017 // We Believe!

**The church is God’s creation, not man’s institution**

* “And \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ gave the apostles, prophets…” (v. 11)

 *1 Corinthians 12:12-30*

* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ordained the church. (v.14-15)

*Eph 4:4-10, 5:22-23*

* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ builds his church.

*Matthew 16:18*

**The church is God’s unified, diverse body pointing each other to Jesus**

* The church is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in Christ. (v. 13)

 *Acts 2:42-47*

* The church \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ the body by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the saints. (v. 12,14-15)

 *Titus 2, 2 Tim 3:16-17, Proverbs 27:17*

**The church is God’s engine for proclaiming the gospel to the world**

* The church speaks the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

(v. 15)

 *Proverbs 27:6, Hebrews 3:13, 10:24-25*

* Christ’s body is to be known for its \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for one another, such that others may come to know Him.

*John 13-34-35, Matthew 5:16, 28:18-20*

**God’s Word for Us Today**

Every follower of Christ should be committed to each other under the authority of His church, such that we can be a unified light that draws others unto Him.