



# REIMAGINING **CHURCH**

Two primary words translated **church**:

OLD TESTAMENT: **qahal (pronounced caw-hail)**

Meaning: **Assembly, congregation, gathering.**

NEW TESTAMENT: **ekklēsia**

Meaning: literally **“called out ones”** | common usage - assembly

The **CAPITAL-C** Church is: **the universal church, the church of every believer, everywhere, in every age (Matthew 16:18)**

The **little-c** church is:

Five things the **church** is NOT:

- + **Brick and mortar**
- + **A social club**
- + **Social reform**
- + **An entertainment venue**
- + **An ATM**

# WHAT IS THE **C.H.U.R.C.H.**?

## **C – Christ's....**

- + Christ's **building**
- + Christ's **body**
- + Christ's **bride**

NEED SOME  
ENCOURAGEMENT? THE  
CHURCH IS **NOT OUR CHURCH**.  
IT IS **HIS CHURCH**, AND HE HAS  
PROMISED TO BUILD, SUSTAIN,  
AND KEEP IT.

## **H – Holy** (John 17:4, 13-19).

### **Four principles:**

1. The church's **goodness** is not based on our **own goodness** (verse 4).
2. We must not **cheapen** the **holiness** of Christ (verse 14).
3. The church's **holiness** is **fueled** by **the truth** (verses 17-18).
4. Our **holiness** is rooted in Christ's **holiness** (verse 19).



## **U – United**

### **Four things that draw us together**

- + **United in purpose**
- + **United in doctrine**
- + **United in worship**
- + **United in suffering**

## **R – Redeemed (Ephesians 1)**

### **Four crucial principles:**

1. Christ is the **head** of the church (Ephesians 1:18).
2. We are no longer **alienated** from God (Ephesians 1:21).
3. We must be grounded in the **hope** of the **gospel** (Ephesians 1:23).
4. We are **servants** to the **gospel** (Ephesians 1: 23).

## **C – Commissioned (Matthew 28:18-20; Mark 16:15)**

### **Simple observations:**

- + We are responsible for the **delivery** (not the **decision**).
- + Every Christian has **a role** to **play**.
- + Conversion is a **starting point**, not a **destination**.
- + We bring people **to Christ**, not to **ourselves**.



## H – ospital (Luke 5:31-32; Luke 4:16-20)

In Christ, the church is empowered to...

- Proclaim **good news**.
- Proclaim **freedom to the prisoner**.
- Proclaim **sight to the blind**.
- Set the **oppressed** free.
- Proclaim **ultimate healing**.

**AREN'T YOU GLAD TO BE PART OF  
CHRIST'S HOLY, UNITED, REDEEMED,  
COMMISSIONED HOSPITAL?**

A person wearing a plaid shirt is holding a large silver tray filled with many small glasses of red wine. The background is blurred, showing what appears to be a restaurant or bar setting.

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