# Who We Are

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## 1. Who is the church? We are the church!

also greet the church that is in their house. Greet Epaenetus, my beloved, who is the first convert to Christ from Asia. What does the church do? Romans 16:5 (NASB)

## • Groups of people.

I am writing to God's church in Corinth, to you who have been called by God to be his own holy people. He made you holy by means of Christ Jesus, just as he did for all people everywhere who call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, their Lord and ours. 1 Corinthians 1:2 (NLT)

## • Individuals.

For I am the least of all the apostles. In fact, I'm not even worthy to be called an apostle after the way I persecuted God's church. 1 Corinthians 15:9 (NLT)

### 2. The Purpose of the Church. Equip & Save.

Now these are the gifts Christ gave to the church: the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, and the pastors and teachers. <sup>12</sup> Their responsibility is to equip God's people to do his work and build up the church, the body of Christ. Ephesians 4:11-12 (NLT) Notes