



# Faith Talk

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What is a church?

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You've probably been inside a church building -- for weddings, funerals, or worship services. The buildings are easily recognizable -- just look for a steeple or a cross in the middle of town and you've found it.

But a church is far more than the building it worships in.

In the last Faithtalk article, you read that each Christian belongs to the family of Jesus Christ. That's essentially what a church is: a family of believers who expect their entire salvation in Jesus Christ.

Another metaphor that the Bible uses is that of a body: "so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to the others"

(Romans 12:4). Faith in Jesus Christ unites the church members so that they function together as one body or one family. As family members, Christians serve God and each other. The church doesn't just exist on Sundays when the members worship together, but it is also active during the week as Christians encourage each other, study the Bible together, and share their blessings with church family and the communities in which they live and work.

Some of you may not have pleasant memories of your own families. A Christian church isn't a perfect family either -- we all have to deal with sin -- but we can, with the Holy Spirit, encourage each other to live better lives for God and point each other to Christ for forgiveness when we fail.

The family isn't complete yet either. God continues to gather people to His church and will continue to do so until the last day. There is a place for you in His church -- all who have faith in Jesus Christ belong to the family of believers.

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