



The People of the Church

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The Barcelona Cathedral called 'Cathedral of the Holy Cross' is the gothic cathedral and seat of the Archbishop of Barcelona, Spain. The cathedral was built from the 13th century to the 15th century. The roof is notable for its gargoyles, featuring a wide variety of animals.

The church is dedicated to Eulalia of Barcelona, a young virgin who suffered martyrdom during Roman times in Barcelona. It is considered one of the most impressive cathedrals in the world.

The Word of God contains many descriptors of the church. It is more than a building. It is more than a meeting place. The church is about people.

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COURAGE

C1: Describe the culture of your childhood church.

C2: What is the culture of the church you currently attend?

C3: No matter how hard we try and how much we do, we can only gain entrance into His Church by God's prescribed manner. Read and answer the following.

Ephesians 2:13 (ESV) But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

John 3:16–17 (ESV) "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

- From these verses, what are two things you can glean about being accepted into God's House?

STRENGTH

S1: When you see or hear the word **repentance**, what comes to your mind?

S2: Read and answer the following.

John 1:12 (ESV)

- When you see or hear the word **faith**, what comes to your mind?

S3: Read and answer the following.

1 John 1:7 (ESV)

Isaiah 1:18 (ESV)

- When you see or hear the word obedience, what comes to your mind?

S4: God extends divine life through the blood of Jesus. Although we have free access to God's house, we have a responsibility when we come into His house. Our part is three-fold: repentance, faith, and obedience.

- On a scale of 1-4 with 1 being very well and 4 being not well, rate yourself on how well you walk in these three areas. Write a plan to improve in each of these areas.

ENDURANCE

E1: The church is more than brick and mortar. The church is made up of people. Read and answer the following.

1 Corinthians 12:21–25 (ESV)

- From these verses, what are three things you can glean about how we should conduct ourselves among other believers?
- On a scale of 1-4 with 1 being very well and 4 being not very well, rate yourself on how well you treat all of God's people in church. Write out a plan for improvement.

E2: Our love for Christ must be a passionate and pure love. Read and answer the following.

Deuteronomy 6:5 (ESV)

Deuteronomy 6:12 (ESV)

Psalms 42:11 (ESV)

- From these verses, what can you glean about passion and love for Christ?
- On a scale of 1-4 with 1 being very passionate and 4 being not very passionate, rate yourself on how strong your passion is for Christ. Write out a plan to improve.



E3: One day we will be rewarded for our love of Christ. Read and answer the following.

Psalm 91:14–16 (ESV)

Luke 15:18–20 (ESV)

Revelation 21:1–7 (ESV)

Revelation 22:1–7 (ESV)

- From these verses, what do you glean about our reward for our love of Christ?
- On a scale of 1-4 with 1 being very focused and 4 being not very focused, rate yourself on how focused you are on Jesus. Write out a plan to improve.