

# SERMON NOTES



## I Love THE Church!

August 6, 2023

What issues lead us to NOT love the church?

**1. I love THE Church because of its \_\_\_\_\_: \_\_\_\_\_ Himself!**

*Matthew 16:15 "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?" 16 Simon Peter answered, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."*

*17 Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by man, but by my Father in heaven. 18 And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. 19 I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."*

*Ephesians 2:19 Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household, 20 built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. 21 In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. 22 And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.*

**2. I love THE Church because its \_\_\_\_\_ is the \_\_\_\_\_ of God!**

a. The Scriptures testify about \_\_\_\_\_.

- *John 5:39 You diligently study the Scriptures because you think that by them you possess eternal life. These are the Scriptures that testify about me, 40 yet you refuse to come to me to have life.*

- b. The Scriptures give \_\_\_\_\_.
- *John 6:63 The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life.*
- c. The Scriptures never \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_.
- *Matthew 24:35 Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.*
- *Isaiah 40:8 The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God stands forever.”*

**3. I love THE Church because its \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_!**

- a. He removes all \_\_\_\_\_!
- *Isaiah 40:8 “See, I lay a stone in Zion, a chosen and precious cornerstone, and the one who trusts in him will never be put to shame.”*
- b. He gives perfect \_\_\_\_\_!
- *Isaiah 28:16 See, I lay a stone in Zion, a tested stone, a precious cornerstone for a sure foundation; the one who relies on it will never be stricken with panic.*

**4. I love THE Church because its \_\_\_\_\_ are \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_!**

- a. We share a common \_\_\_\_\_!
- *Ephesians 4:15 Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. 16 From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.*
- b. We share a common \_\_\_\_\_!
- *1 Peter 2:4 As you come to him, the living Stone—rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him— 5 you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.*

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## **MY PERSONAL NOTES**

### **SERMON REFLECTIONS: Apply to My Life**

**The thought the Spirit is leading me to focus on is:**

**The change the Spirit is leading me to work on is:**

**The action the Spirit is prompting me to take is:**

**My prayers today are:**

**Someone I would like to bless with today's message:**

## DIGGING DEEPER: Apply to My Life

**Scripture:** *(Use one from the message this week)*

**Observation:** *(What stood out about this verse? What do you notice?)*

**Application:** *(How can you apply this verse in your life today? How can you live in light of this truth?)*

**Prayer:** *(Turn your thoughts into prayer. Ask the Lord to show you how to believe and live this verse. Pray for people and situations in your life.)*