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Ephesians 2:14-16, 4:1-6

### In your own words, what is the “Church?”

Ephesians 2:14-16 *For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, 15 by setting aside in his flesh the law with its commands and regulations. His purpose was to create in himself one new humanity out of the two, thus making peace, 16 and in one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility.*

### “Church” in Scripture:

- Jesus: *“On this rock, I will build my church.”* -Matthew 16:18
- Paul: *...To the church of God in Corinth...* -1 Corinthians 1:2
- “church”: *ekklesia* –
- *Kirche* –

Ephesians 4:1-6 *I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beg you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, 2 with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love, 3 endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. 4 There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling; 5 one Lord, one faith, one baptism; 6 one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.*

### I. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Church:

1. (v.4) One \_\_\_\_\_
2. (v. 4) One \_\_\_\_\_
3. (v. 4) One \_\_\_\_\_
4. (v. 5) One \_\_\_\_\_

5. (v. 5) One \_\_\_\_\_
6. (v. 5) One \_\_\_\_\_
7. (v. 6) One \_\_\_\_\_

John Wesley: *“All the persons in the universe whom God hath so called out of the world as to entitle them to the preceding character; as to be “one body,” united by “one spirit;” having “one faith, one hope, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in them all.”*

### II. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Church:

1. (v. 1) Keep \_\_\_\_\_
2. (v. 2) Keep \_\_\_\_\_
3. (v. 3) Keep \_\_\_\_\_

John Wesley: *“Show them your faith by your works. Let them see, by the whole tenor of your conversation, that your hope is all laid up above! Let all your words and actions evidence the spirit whereby you are animated! Above all things, let your love abound. Let it extend to every human child: Let it overflow to every child of God. By this let all know whose disciples you are, because you ‘love one another.’”*

### Point:



### Doggy Bag: Something to take home and chew on!

1. In your own words, what is the “Church?” What has led you to accept or decline the invitation to be part of a Church?
2. Have you ever desired to be part of something bigger than yourself?
3. What or who is the source of your hope and allegiance in life?
4. Who in your life thinks they’re excluded from Church? Who do you need to invite to join you and other imperfect people in God’s mission?
5. Who do you need to “bear with” in love- even if it means getting messy?
6. How might God be inviting you to join Him in restoring harmony to your corner of the world? How can Vine Church help?

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