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THE CHURCH AND THE CHURCHES



**WE ENCOURAGE EVERY COLLEGE STUDENT TO
ATTEND A CHURCH MEETING ON SUNDAY.**

WHY?
BECAUSE COLLEGE WILL END, BUT CHURCH
WILL CONTINUE....FOREVER.

SO....LET'S TALK A BIT ABOUT CHURCH

IN THE BIBLE THERE IS THE CHURCH AND THERE ARE THE CHURCHES

The Church

²² And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, ²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all. Ephesians 1:22–23 (ESV)

And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. Matthew 16:18 (ESV)

The churches

saying, “Write what you see in a book and send it to the seven churches, to Ephesus and to Smyrna and to Pergamum and to Thyatira and to Sardis and to Philadelphia and to Laodicea.” Revelation 1:11 (ESV)

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- Singular “church” is used to refer to the universal church, which includes all believers throughout time and space.
- A local church or local churches are referred to by singular “church” and plural “churches.”
- The universal church is made up of all the local churches plus all believers who have ever lived.

The background features a gradient from dark purple to blue, overlaid with a field of small white stars. Several technical diagrams are visible: a circular gauge with a scale from 80 to 210 and a needle pointing to approximately 190; a circular diagram with concentric rings and arrows; and a circular diagram with a dashed outer ring and a solid inner ring, also with arrows. The text is centered in a clean, white, sans-serif font.

ONE CHURCH IN ONE CITY
—THE NEW TESTAMENT PATTERN.

WHEN THE SINGULAR “CHURCH” IS USED TO REFER TO A LOCAL CHURCH, IT IS CONNECTED WITH A CITY.

- *To the angel of the church in Ephesus write: ‘The words of him who holds the seven stars in his right hand, who walks among the seven golden lampstands. Revelation 2:1 (ESV)*
- *To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours 1 Corinthians 1:2 (ESV)*
- *I commend to you our sister Phoebe, a servant of the church at Cenchreae, Romans 16:1 (ESV)*

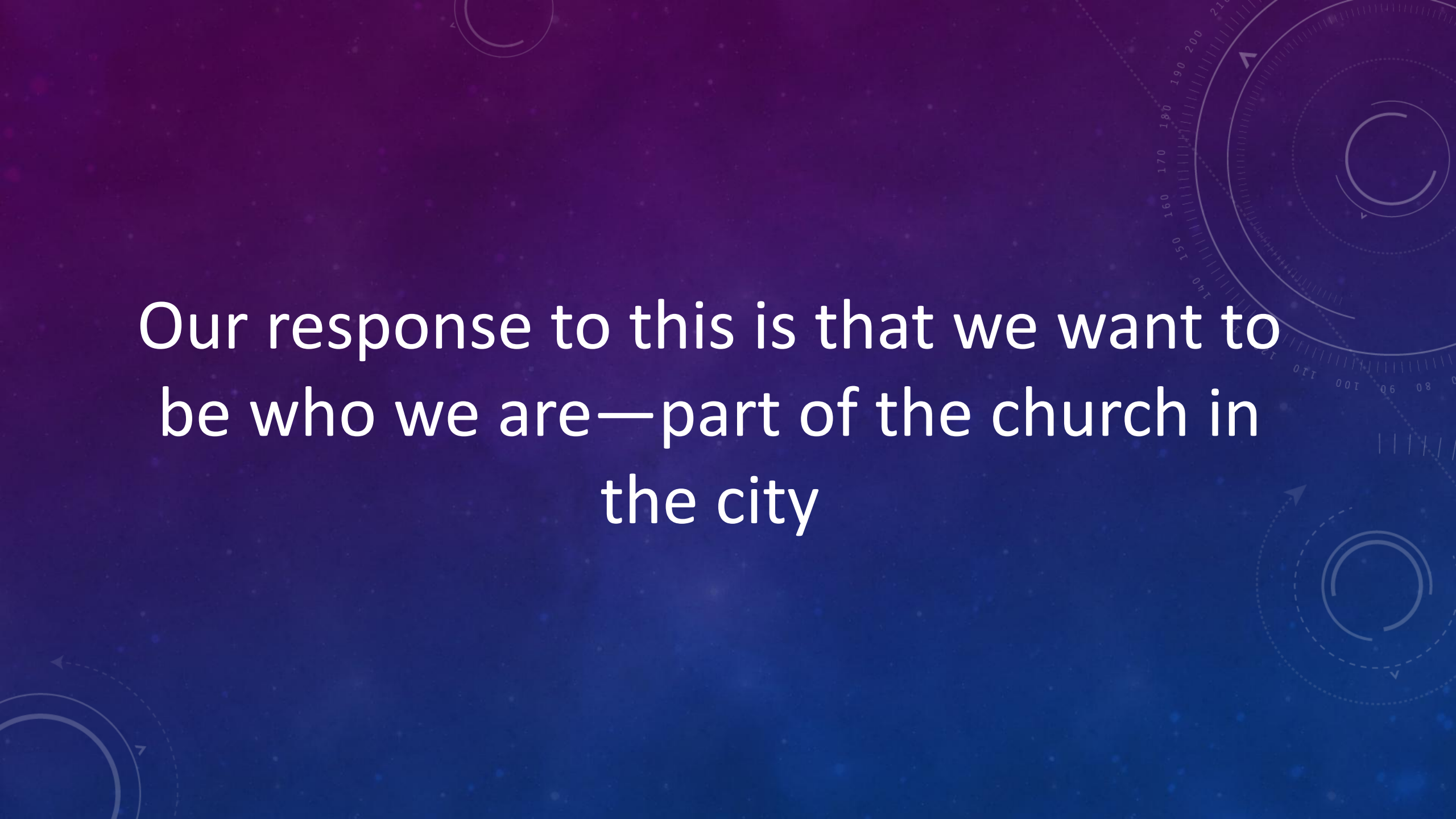
WHEN THE PLURAL “CHURCHES” IS USED IT REFERS TO REGIONS WITH MANY CITIES.

- *1 Paul, an apostle—not from men nor through man, but through Jesus Christ and God the Father, who raised him from the dead—² and all the brothers who are with me, To the churches of Galatia: Galatians 1:1–2 (ESV)*
- *And I was still unknown in person to the churches of Judea that are in Christ. Galatians 1:22 (ESV)*

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Revelation 1:11 (ESV)

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Our response to this is that we want to
be who we are—part of the church in
the city

GOD SEEKS BELIEVERS TO BE ONE IN EVERY CHURCH

¹⁰ I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment. ¹¹ For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarreling among you, my brothers. ¹² What I mean is that each one of you says, "I follow Paul," or "I follow Apollos," or "I follow Cephas," or "I follow Christ." ¹³ Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? 1 Corinthians 1:10–13 (ESV)

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Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, Philippians 1:27 (ESV)

WHAT THE CHURCH IS NOT DEFINED BY

- No special name other than Christ
 - *Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the churches of Christ greet you.* Romans 16:16 (ESV)
- No special teaching or practice
 - *That is why I sent you Timothy, my beloved and faithful child in the Lord, to remind you of my ways in Christ, as I teach them everywhere in every church.* 1 Corinthians 4:17 (ESV)
 - *Only let each person lead the life that the Lord has assigned to him, and to which God has called him. This is my rule in all the churches.* 1 Corinthians 7:17 (ESV)



RUN FOR YOUR LIFE INT. CHAPEL.

ON WE + BRANCH



DAY	ACTIVITIES	TIME
TUES	PRAYERS	9:30 - 1:00
WED	COUNSELLING	9:30 - 2:00
THUR	WEAK PERSONS Mtg	10:00 - 12:00
FRI	HEALING & PRAYERS	9:30 - 2:00
SUN	NORMAL CHURCH	9:00 - 12:00

Motto: Let The Weak See Tom Strong



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Guided Missiles Church

... setting free, raising standards

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— BISHOP THOMAS WAHOME —

meet the annointed
man of God



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WHAT THE CHURCH IS NOT DEFINED BY

- No particular race
 - *Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all. Colossians 3:11 (ESV)*
- No particular teacher, even a spiritual teacher
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THREE CHARACTERISTICS OF A CHURCH IN A CITY

- Authority of the Holy Spirit
- Able to define the truth (and sin)
- Receiving all the believers

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First—The authority of the Holy Spirit

²² And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld.” John 20:22–23 (ESV)

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First—The authority of the Holy Spirit

- ¹⁵ *“If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. ¹⁶ But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷ If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector.* Matthew 18:15–17 (ESV)

THREE CHARACTERISTICS OF A CHURCH IN A CITY

Second: Able to define the truth (and sin)

- ¹⁴ *I hope to come to you soon, but I am writing these things to you so that, ¹⁵ if I delay, you may know how one ought to behave in the household of God, which is the church of the living God, a pillar and buttress of the truth.* ¹

Timothy 3:14–15 (ESV)

THREE CHARACTERISTICS OF A CHURCH IN A CITY

Third: Receiving all the genuine believers in that city

- *14 As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions. ² One person believes he may eat anything, while the weak person eats only vegetables. ³ Let not the one who eats despise the one who abstains, and let not the one who abstains pass judgment on the one who eats, for God has welcomed him. Romans 14:1–3 (ESV)*
- *⁷ Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. Romans 15:7 (ESV)*

THREE CHARACTERISTICS OF A CHURCH IN A CITY

Receiving refers to saints who differ in
“non-essentials”

“In Essentials Unity, In Non-essentials Liberty, in all
Things Love”

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⁵ May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, ⁶ that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Romans 15:5–6 (ESV)

THE TESTIMONY OF THE CHURCH

As for the mystery of the seven stars that you saw in my right hand, and the seven golden lampstands, the seven stars are the angels of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands are the seven churches. Revelation 1:20 (ESV)

TESTIMONY OF ONENESS AND LOVE

⁴ But I have this against you, that you have abandoned the love you had at first. ⁵ Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent, and do the works you did at first. If not, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place, unless you repent.
Revelation 2:4–5 (ESV)

³⁴ A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. ³⁵ By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.” John 13:34–35 (ESV)