

What the Church Is

Selected Scripture

Introduction: exaltation, edification, evangelism

I. The Church is True Worshipers - John 4:24

- A. The Compassion of Jesus vv. 1-10
- B. The Questions of the woman vv. 11-20
- C. The Father's desire for worshipers vv. 21-24

II. The Church is a Body - 1st Corinthians 12

- A. The Diversity of the Body of Christ vv. 14-19
 - 1. One body, many members v. 14
 - 2. Each member is important vv. 15-19
 - 3. God has determined each one's gift v. 18
- B. The Unity of the Body of Christ vv. 20-26
 - 1. Many members, one body v. 20
 - 2. Each member is important vv. 21-24
 - 3. God's design for unity & diversity vv. 25-27

III. The Church is Salt and Light - Matthew 5:13-16

- A. The Illustration of Salt v. 13
 - 1. The "you" is emphatic - "you and you alone"
 - 2. The implications of being salt
 - a. Salt adds flavor
 - b. Salt preserves
 - c. Salt creates a thirst
- B. The Illustration of Light vv. 14-16
 - 1. Ephesians 5:8
 - 2. 1st Peter 2:9