

*Ephesians 1:22-23*

A. What the Church is Not

1. It is not about a Building
2. It is not about a Service
3. It is not about a Denomination
4. It is not about a Corporation
5. It is not about an Audience
6. It is not about a Social Center
7. It is not about an Educational Center

B. What the Church Is

* The Church is a Body
* Jesus Christ is the Head and we are His Body;
1 Corinthians 12:12, 18-20
* We all have Spirtual Gifts that are essential to the work and ministry of the Body
* The Church is an Organism
* An organism is Alive
* An organism Reproduces
* An organism Grows
* The Church is a Community
* God has called His people to live and serve Together
* We are Ekklesia: His “Called Out” ones
* The Church Universal is called to identify itself Locally as a community of believers in a specific place
* The local church is the Invisible church made Visible
* The Church is a Fellowship
* Because of sin, man is prone to Hide
* In the Body of Christ, you are Free to Be yourself
* It is now safe to come out of Hiding and take off your Mask

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