

What Is The Church: Covenant Members

Ephesians 2:4-5; 3:6,10

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Thesis: God has made us alive with Christ, fellow heirs of His covenant, and now allows us to reveal His wisdom. We must consider how those truths work out in our lives as both the universal church when we are scattered and the local church when we are gathered.

1. The grace of God, by the mercy of God, makes dead people alive through His covenantal blessings (Eph. 2:4-5).

2. The church is a fellow heir of the covenant given to Abraham (Eph. 3:6).

3. In its covenants with God and each other, the church reveals the wisdom of God.
 - A. As the church scattered
 1. Holy living

 2. Proclaiming the gospel

B. As the church gathered

1. Exalt Christ in our gathering

2. Build relationships in which mutual care is common

3. Work as co-laborers in the work of the ministry

Application:

1. Are you alive in Christ?

2. Are you living for a temporary inheritance or an eternal one?

3. How committed are you to the covenant people of God?