

# Key Belief: The Church

*Ephesians 4:15*

Message Notes for October 24, 2021

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## Last week's: Key verse:

*Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God. (John 1:12)*

## Week 6: Key verse:

*Speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. (Eph. 4:15)*

Definition:

**CHURCH is the sum of all who \_\_\_\_\_ in Jesus as Savior!**

Satan wants to RUIN the Church

### 1. D \_\_\_\_\_:

How does Satan work/succeed at dividing the church?

- *Ephesians 4:3 Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.*

### 2. D \_\_\_\_\_:

How does Satan work/succeed at distracting the church?

- *Revelation 2:4 Yet I hold this against you: You have forsaken your first love. 5 Remember the height from which you have fallen! Repent and do the things you did at first.*

### 3. D \_\_\_\_\_:

How does Satan work/succeed at discouraging the church?

- *Romans 12:11 Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. 12 Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.*

# God wants us to BE the Church!

## 1. Unified under the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ!

- *And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, 23 which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way. (Ephesians 1:22)*
- *Ephesians 4:4 There is one body and one Spirit— just as you were called to one hope when you were called— 5 one Lord, one faith, one baptism; 6 one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.*
- *John 17:20 “My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, 21 that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me.*

## 2. Focused on the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ!

- *1 Peter 3:15 But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect*
- *Matthew 28:19 Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.*

## 3. Growing in our \_\_\_\_\_ with Christ and each other!

- *2 Peter 3:17 Therefore, dear friends, since you already know this, be on your guard so that you may not be carried away by the error of lawless men and fall from your secure position. 18 But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.*
- *Ephesians 4:14 Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of men in their deceitful scheming.*
- *Hebrews 10:25 Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.*

**THIS WEEK:** Read pages 102-109 in “Believe” book

**JOIN US:** Wednesday nights in person or online at 7pm

**DAILY DEVOTION:** Join email list to start your day with a devotion!

## REFLECTIONS:

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**The thought the Spirit is leading me to focus on is:**

**The change the Spirit is leading me to work on is:**

**The action the Spirit is prompting me to take is:**

**My prayers today are:**

**Someone I would like to bless with today's message:**

## Do your own study this week: S.O.A.P.

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**Scripture:** *(Use one from the message this week)*

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**Observation:** *(What stood out about this verse? What do you notice?)*

**Application:** *(How can you apply this verse in your life today? How can you live in light of this truth?)*

**Prayer:** *(Turn your thoughts into prayer. Ask the Lord to show you how to believe and live this verse. Pray for people and situations in your life.)*