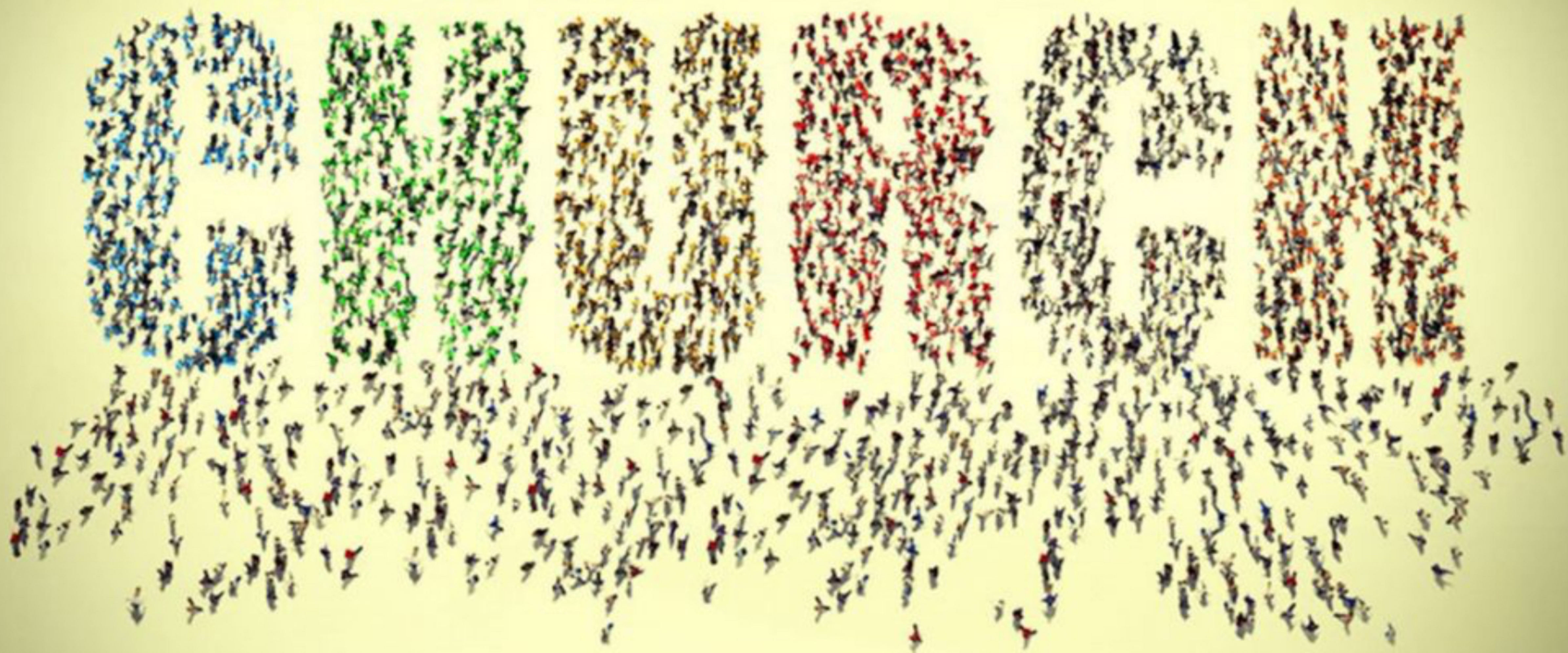


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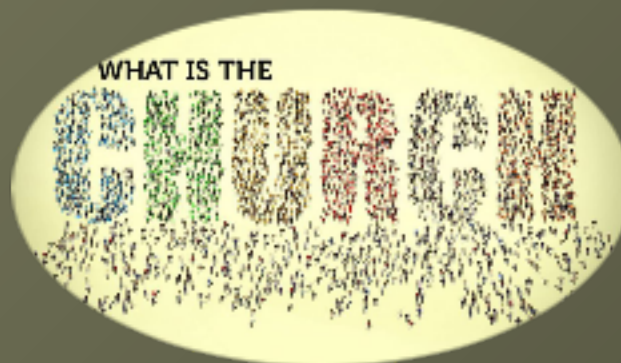
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# Catechism Question 70

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1 Corinthians 6:19



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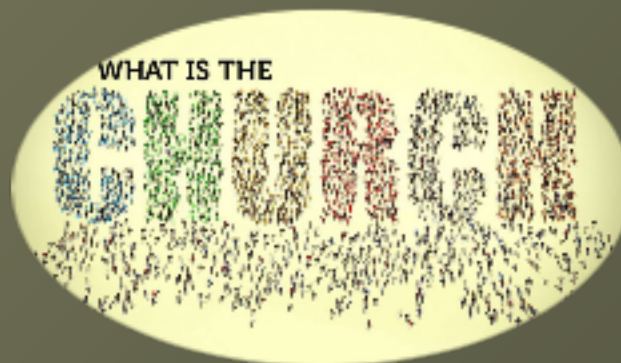




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2 Corinthians 6:16 (quoting Leviticus 26:12)



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As you come to him, the living Stone—rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him—<sup>5</sup> you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

1 Peter 2:4–5



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But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

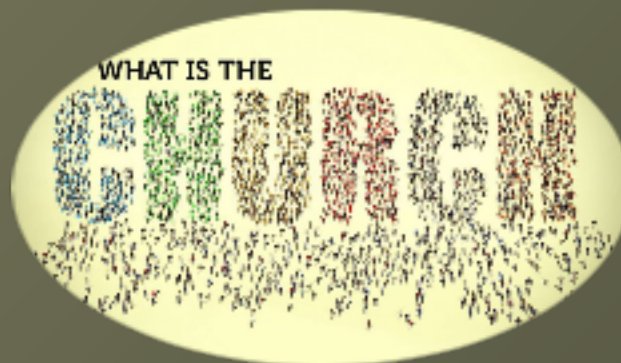
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Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise — the fruit of lips that confess his name.

Hebrews 13:15



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# Applying the Word

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