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Catechism Question 71

Are Christians only called to be part of the universal Church?

No, all Christians are called to be part of local churches where they are led and cared for by elders, worship God, learn the Scripture, receive the sacraments, pray together, serve one another, and carry out the Great Commission together.



The Church - A

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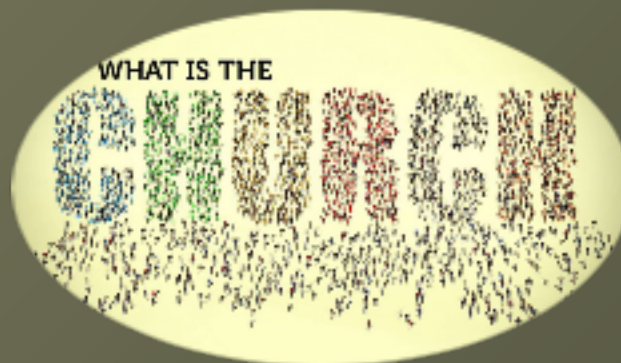


The Church's Pattern of Worship

The Word of God

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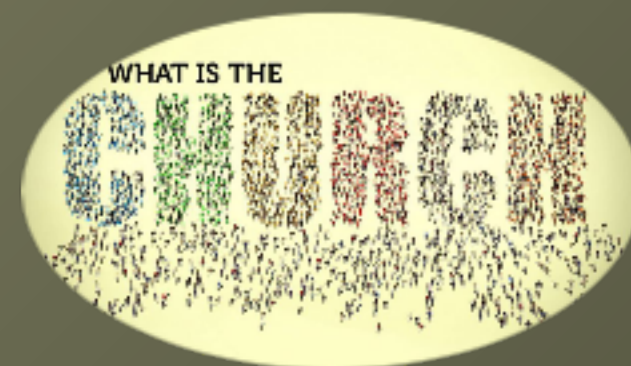
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The Sacraments

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The Prayers

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Prayer In Song

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Prayer - Responding To God

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.

1 Peter 2:9



Prayer - Responding To God

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

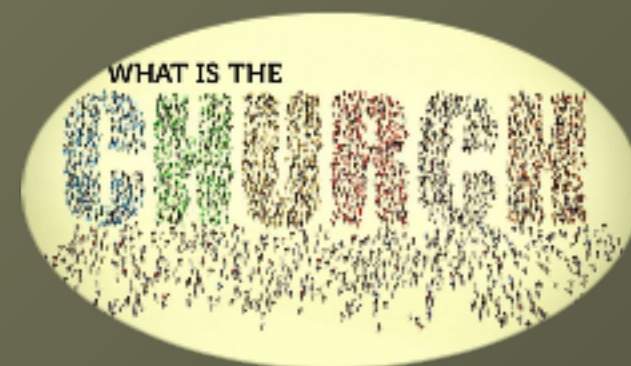
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The Fellowship - Community

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Applying the Word

The Table of
Christ's Presence



Beyond all question,
the mystery of godliness is great:
He appeared in a body,
was vindicated by the Spirit,
was seen by angels,
was preached among the nations,
was believed on in the world,
was taken up in glory.
(From 1 Timothy 3:16)



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