

I LOVE THE CHURCH January 3, 2010

Church means the **called out ones**. (Matt 16:18-19; Matt 18:17)

The church was **birthed** on the day of Pentecost. (Acts 2:1-4; 2:41; 2:47; 4:14; Matt 28:18-20; Acts 1:1-8)

The church is the visible **body** of Christ. (1 Cor 12:12-14)

I LOVE THE CHURCH BECAUSE:

- **Jesus** loved the church! (Eph 5:25-30 & 32; John 15:13; 1 John 4:19)
- The church is my spiritual **family**! (Eph 2:19)
- We have labored and served **together**. (Rom 16:1-16 & 21-27; Phil 1:3-11)
- The church is the only **hope** for this world. (Col 1:13-18; 25-29)

BEDROCK PASSAGES OF THIS CHURCH

The Great Commandment: Matt 22:36-40 36 "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?" 37 And He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' 38 "This is the great and foremost commandment. 39 "The second is like it, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' 40 "On these two commandments depend the whole Law and the Prophets."

The Great Commission: Matt 28:18-20 18 And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. 19 "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age. "

The root of both of these is **relationship**.

NOTE: "The Great Commandment" and "The Great Commission" are NOT blanks. They are just bolded.
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