

## Sound Doctrine Part 4: The Church

*“Be a good servant of Christ Jesus, **constantly nourished** on the **words of the faith** and of the **sound doctrine** which you have been following.” 1 Timothy 4:6 NASB*

The Church is **God’s answer** to the **world’s need**.

*“**I will build my church**, and all the powers of hell will not conquer it.” Matthew 16:18 NLT*

The Church is a **purposeful gathering** of people.

*“So the churches were **strengthened in their faith** and grew larger every day.” Acts 16:5 NLT*

### **1. I am surrounded by connection.**

*“A father to the fatherless, a defender of widows, is God in his holy dwelling. God sets the lonely in **families**.” Psalm 68:5-6 NIV*

### **2. I am supported by Biblical foundations.**

*“You are God’s **building**.” 1 Corinthians 3:9 ESV*

*“Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams (bayou’s) rose, and the winds blew (tornadoes) and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its **foundation on the rock**.” Matthew 7:24-25 NIV*

### **3. I am strengthened by diversity.**

*“Just as our bodies have many parts and each part has a special function, so it is with **Christ’s body**. We are **many parts** of one body, and we all belong to each other. In his grace, God has given us different gifts for doing certain things well.” Romans 12:4-6 NLT*

#### **4. I am satisfied by Christ's companionship.**

*"For I am jealous for you with the jealousy of God himself. I promised you as a pure **bride** to one husband—Christ." 2 Corinthians 11:2 NLT*

#### **✓ Pray**

*"Therefore confess your sins to each other and **pray for each other** so that you may be healed. The **prayer** of a righteous person is **powerful** and **effective**." James 5:16 NIV*

#### **✓ Give**

*"**Give, and it will be given to you.** A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you." Luke 6:38 NIV*

#### **✓ Serve**

*"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to **serve others**, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms." 1 Peter 4:10 NIV*