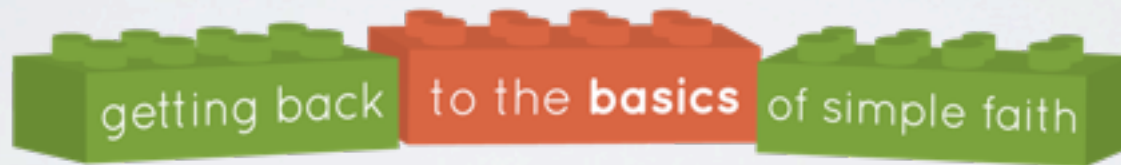


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P A R T 5

Let's Make The Church  
Together

## **Matthew 16:18-19**

“Peter, on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.”

A photograph of a modern church building with large glass windows. The image is overlaid with a blue tint. A cross is visible in the reflection on one of the windows. The text "Christ LOVES the Church!" is written in white, stylized font across the bottom of the image.

*Christ* **LOVES**  
*the Church!*

The Church is the **object**  
of Christ's intense love.



## **Ephesians 5:25-32**

“Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless.

## **Ephesians 5:25-32**

“In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. After all, no one ever hated his own body, but he feeds and cares for it, just as Christ does the church — for we are members of his body.

## **Ephesians 5:25-32**

“For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.’ This is a profound mystery—but I am talking about Christ and the church.”

*“Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God, which he bought with his own blood.”*

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*Christ* **LIVES**  
*within the*  
*Church!*

The church is the  
dwelling place of  
God's Spirit!

## 1 Corinthians 3:16-17

“Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit lives in you? If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy him; for God's temple is sacred, and you are that temple.”



*Christ* **REVEALS**  
*himself to the world  
through the Church!*

## Colossians 1:25-27

“I have become its servant by the commission God gave me to present to you the word of God in its fullness—the mystery that has been kept hidden for ages and generations, but is now disclosed to the saints.

## Colossians 1:25-27

“To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.”

A blue-tinted image of a church interior. In the background, a large globe is visible through a window. In the foreground, the silhouettes of a group of people are shown. The text "The LOCAL CHURCH is the hope of the world." is overlaid on the image.

The **LOCAL CHURCH**  
is the **hope** of the world.

The background of the image is a solid, vibrant orange. In the lower half, there are dark silhouettes of a diverse group of people, including men and women of various ethnicities, looking towards the right. The text is overlaid on this background. The word "RETURNING" is the most prominent, written in a large, bold, white, sans-serif font. The words "Christ is" are positioned above it in a smaller, white, sans-serif font. Below "RETURNING", the words "for the Church!" are written in the same white, sans-serif font as the top line.

Christ is  
**RETURNING**  
for the Church!





*The church has  
always been  
the culmination  
of God's plan.*

*“I am jealous for you with a godly jealousy. I promised you to one husband, to Christ, so that I might present you as a pure virgin to him.”*

11 Corinthians 11:2

*“Let us rejoice and be glad  
and give him glory! For the  
wedding of the Lamb has  
come, and his bride has made  
herself ready.”*

Revelation 19:7

*“I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband.”*

Revelation 21:2





# #1

# Support It!

EPHESIANS 4:12 & 16

“So that the body of Christ may be built up...From Jesus the whole body... grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.”

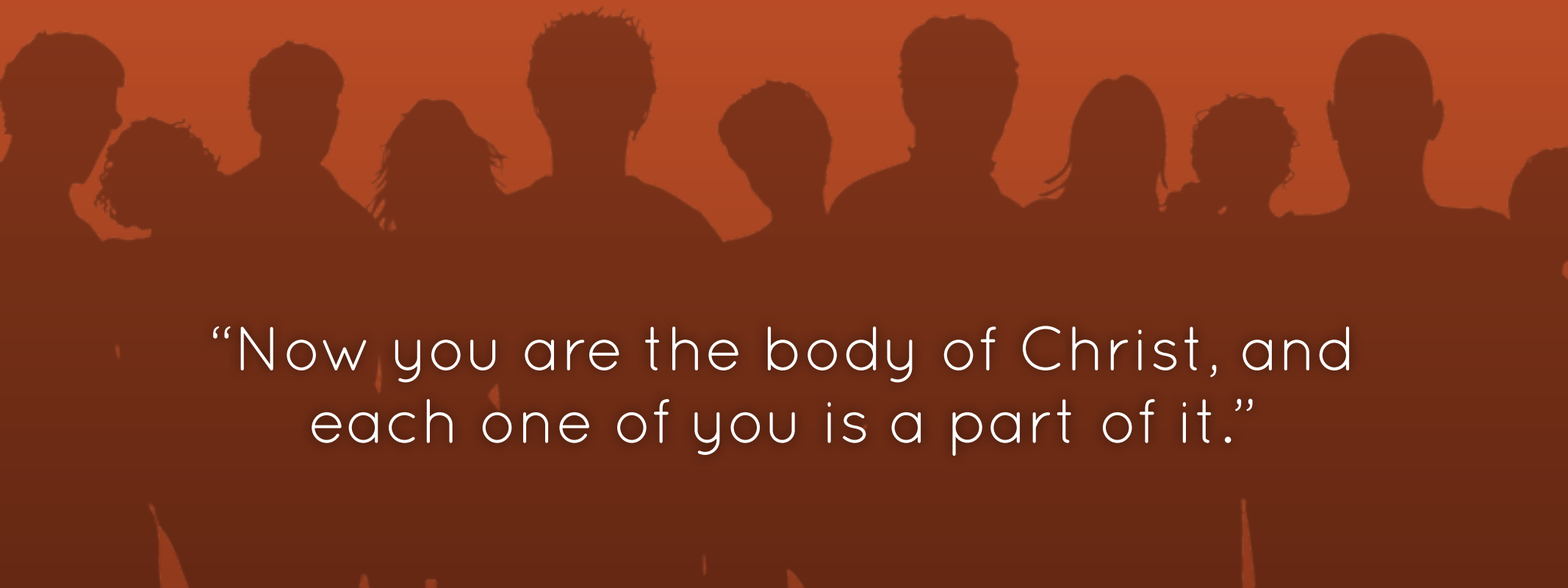
# #2 Serve It!

1 PETER 4:10

“Serve one another with the particular gifts God has given each of you.”

# #3 Be It!

1 CORINTHIANS 12:27



“Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.”



# #4

## Protect It!

ROMANS 14:19

A row of dark silhouettes of people of various ages and ethnicities, looking towards the right, set against a green background.

“Let us concentrate on the things which make for harmony, and on the growth of our fellowship.”

# #5

## Love It!

1 PETER 1:22

“Have a sincere love for other believers,  
love one another earnestly with all  
your heart.”

We can make the church  
**TOGETHER**

