

The Gift

1 Corinthians 12:27
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The Church is:

- One _____
- U _____
- S _____
- P _____
- F _____
- S _____

The Church is special because it represents the _____ of _____

The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us. We have seen His glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

John 1:14 (NIV)

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

1 Corinthians 12:27 (NIV)

So in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.

Romans 12:5 (NIV)

The Church is special because it has beauty like a _____ on her _____.

...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 5:25-27 (NIV)

Note the source of her beauty:

The Church is special because it has the _____ of _____.

As you come to Him, the living Stone—rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to Him—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 (NIV)

For through Him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit.

Ephesians 2:18 (NIV)

So?

1. So I _____

2. So I do my _____

• I _____

• I _____

• I _____

3. So I represent _____

4. So I obey His _____

5. So I live in His _____

I am a church member.

Being a part of the body of Christ is a special gift. I am humbled and honored to serve and love others in our church. I will never take my membership for granted, but cherish it as a gift and an opportunity to be part of something so much greater than myself.

(Matthew 20:26-28)