

STATE OF THE CHURCH

The church is given different names to show the different functions, but also to help us understand who we are as part of the Universal Church.

_____ of Christ:

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I Corinthians 12:27

27 Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.

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Ephesians 5:29-32

29 After all, no one ever hated their own body, but they feed and care for their body, just as Christ does the church— 30 for we are members of his body.... 32 This is a profound mystery—but I am talking about Christ and the church.

_____ of Christ:

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Revelation 19:7-8

7 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. 8 Fine linen, bright and clean, was given her to wear.”

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Isaiah 62:5

5 For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your sons marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

Ephesians 5:27

27 So that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish.

_____ of the Saints:

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I John 1:3

3 That which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ.

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Ephesians 2:19

19 So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God,

Philippians 1:3-7

3 I thank my God every time I remember you. 4 In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy 5 because of your **partnership** in the gospel from the first day until now, 6 being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. 7 It is right for me to feel this way about all of you, since I have you in my heart and, whether I am in chains or defending and confirming the gospel, all of you **share** in God’s grace with me.

_____ of Christ:

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Acts 20:28

28 Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood.

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1 Corinthians 16:2

2 On the first day of every week, each of you is to put something aside and store it up, as he may prosper, so that there will be no collecting when I come.