

The Church
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PORTRAITS OF THE CHURCH – part 2

Matthew 16:18 Jesus said, “I will build my church....”

A quick review...

The Church – the **ἐκκλησία** – 'called out ones'

Universal – all true believers in Jesus, children of God by faith alone

Local – gathered group of professing believers, preaching gospel and practicing the ordinances

PORTRAITS – part 1 –

The Building – we are living stones [Eph.2²¹; 1 Pt.2⁵]

The Body – we are members or part of a whole [1 Cor.12^{12,14}]

The Bride – we are prepared, purified, presented [Eph.5²⁵⁻²⁷; Rev.19⁷]

PRINCIPLE: God's portraits of us clarify His _____ on our lives.

1. We are a F _____
_____ - 1 Corinthians 3:9

2. We are a F _____
_____ - Acts 20:28

3. We are a F _____
_____ - Galatians 6:10

Questions for personal reflection & small group study:

RESPONSE (Be “doers” of the Word and not hearers only – James 1:22)

Are we?

These are the final three of six portraits the Bible paints of the Church.

Understanding the pictures God paints of us helps us understand His call on our lives...

Based on each of these portraits...

what are we called out of?

what are we called into?

how do we help each other fulfill God's call in our lives?

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***From TRUTH through TRACTION to TRANSFORMATION:***

What did God say to you today?

What will you do about it?

With whom will you share this...and when?