

Our new spiritual DNA causes us to want to love others and tell them about God's amazing love.

2 Corinthians 5:14-15 (NIV) *"For Christ's **LOVE COMPELS US**, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again."*

3. THE CHURCH HAS AN INCLUSIVE _____ OF _____

Christianity is open to everyone who wants to be saved.

Romans 10:13 (NLT) "For **EVERYONE** who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

No one is _____ from the Gospel message.

When Jesus cleansed the temple, he was signifying that God's heart is for all people.

Mark 11:17 (JESUS): "'My house will be called a house of prayer for all nations'..."

Jesus quoted the prophecy of Isaiah speaking of foreigners and eunuchs.

Isaiah 56:4-5 & 7 *"To the eunuchs who keep my Sabbaths, who choose what pleases me and hold fast to my covenant- to them I will give within my temple and its walls a memorial and a name better than sons and daughters... These I will bring to my holy mountain and give them joy in my house of prayer... for my house will be called a house of prayer for all nations."*

I LOVE MY CHURCH SERIES WEEK 1: PRAYER CHALLENGE **This week pray for the Glory Center & the Church worldwide.**

"Father, we thank you for your Church, for the bride of Christ. Jesus, we thank you that you died for your Church. We confess that we are imperfect. Forgive us where we stumble. We pray that you would still use our church in a powerful way to be the hope of the world and to see lives changed for your glory. In Christ's name, Amen.

I MY CHURCH

WEEK 1: WHY CHURCH?

EPHESIANS 5:25-27 (NIV)

"...**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."

COLOSSIANS 1:3-6 (NLT)

*"We always pray for you, and we give thanks to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. For we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and **YOUR LOVE FOR ALL OF GOD'S PEOPLE**, which comes from your confident hope of what God has reserved for you in heaven. You have had this expectation ever since you first heard the truth of the Good News. This same Good News that came to you is going out all over the world. It is bearing fruit everywhere by changing lives, just as it changed your lives from the day you first heard and understood the truth about God's wonderful grace."*

4 GOALS FOR THIS SERIES:

- To ignite hearts to _____ the Church that Christ _____
- To stir hearts to be faithful to _____ & _____ together again.
- To motivate hearts to love those who are _____, _____ & _____
- To see _____ of members of the Glory Center _____

KEY PRINCIPLE: I love my Church because it is the _____ of the world and God's chosen _____ of blessing. The Church is Jesus' _____, _____ & _____ in the earth.

WHY I'M CALLED TO LOVE MY CHURCH:

1. THE CHURCH HAS AN AMAZING _____ IN _____

Matthew 16:18 (NLT) *"I will build MY CHURCH and all the powers of hell will not conquer it."*

Who's Church is it?

The Church does not belong to any leader or denomination. It belongs to _____

What is the Church?

The original Greek word for "Church" that Jesus used is "Ecclesia" which means _____

Historically, "Ecclesia" had an important meaning in the Roman Empire of _____

What did Jesus Promise about His Church?

A) The Church is _____ (*I will build my church*)

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The Church is the largest organization in the world and it will last forever.

There are _____ billion Christians worldwide whether Catholic, Orthodox, Protestant, Pentecostal or Evangelical. 1 out of 3 people on the planet are Christians. There are more Christians _____ today than at any other time in human history.

The Glory Center is an inclusive church called to ignite the world with the love of God through worship, reconciliation & relationship.

- We started out as a _____ church
- Then we became a _____ church in 1999 through EMI.
- Then we became a _____ church when we purchased property in Bellflower, California.
- Then we became an _____ church in 2020.
- We are called to be a regional church impacting all of _____

B) The Church is engaged in _____
(*and all the powers of hell will not conquer it*)

Jesus' Church is always going to be locked in spiritual _____ against the forces of darkness as it expands and people's lives are changed. This is why we are called to _____

The good news is that Jesus lets us know who is _____

The best place to be is _____ the Church. So watch out that the enemy doesn't get you _____

2. THE CHURCH HAS A POWERFUL _____ OF _____

John 3:16 (NIV) "For **God so LOVED** the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."

Ephesians 5:25 (NIV) "**Christ LOVED** the Church and gave Himself up for her..."