

What We Believe About The Church

Part 5 of Series: Why We Believe What We Believe

Ephesians 4:1-16

THE CHURCH:

We believe in the universal church; a living spiritual body of which Christ is the Head and all regenerated persons are members. We believe in the local church, consisting of a company of believers in Jesus Christ, baptized on a credible profession of faith, and associated for worship, work and fellowship. We believe that God has laid upon the members of the local church the primary task of giving the gospel of Jesus Christ to a lost world.

Three reasons why the critic says the Church is hypocritical.

1. they don't _____ who _____ church.
2. they _____ that " _____ " equals _____ and _____ person. (Ecclesiastes 7:20; Romans 15:1)
3. Because _____ . (Matthew 23:25)

In order to minimize the perception of being hypocritical the Church should be ...

- 1...striving for _____ . (Ephesians 4:1-6)
- 2...striving for _____ . (Ephesians 4:11-15)

Why?

- a) So we know _____ and _____ we believe.
 - b) It's the _____ to _____ like _____ .
- 3...striving for _____ . (Ephesians 4:16; Rom. 12:4-8)
 - 4...striving for _____ . (Ephesians 4:16; John 13:35)