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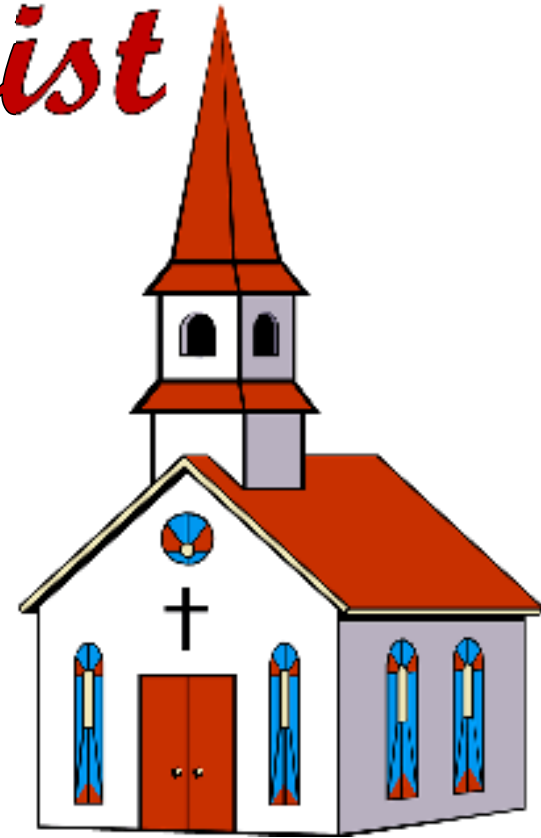
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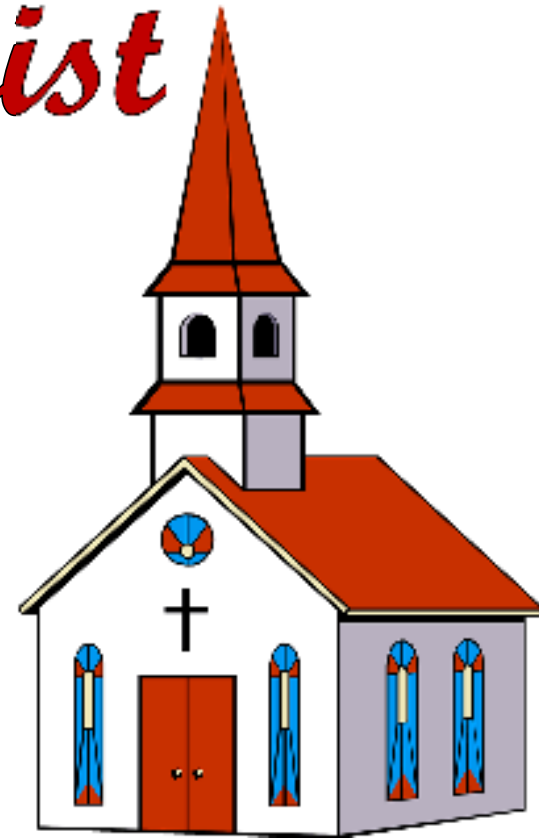
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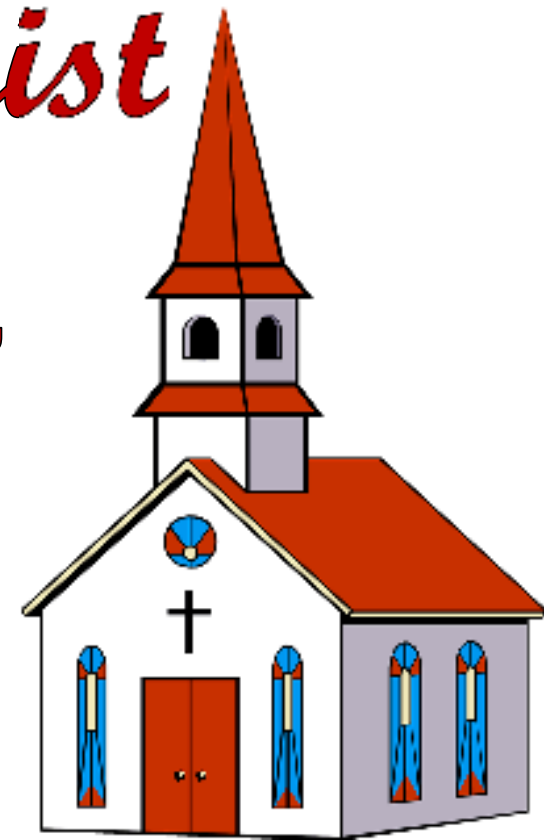


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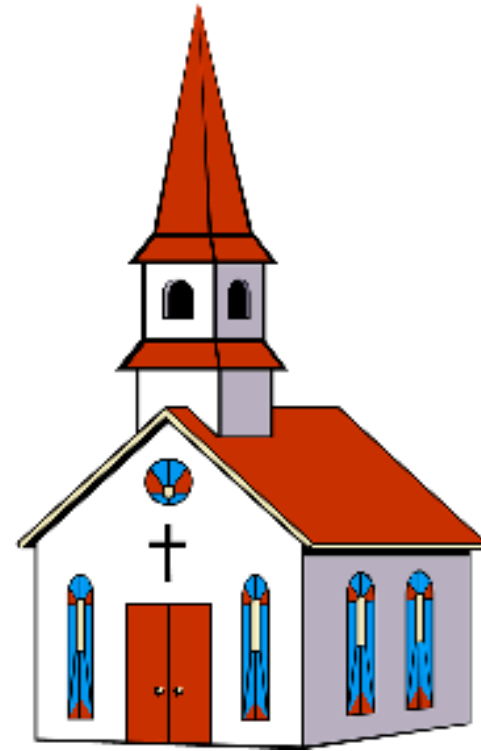
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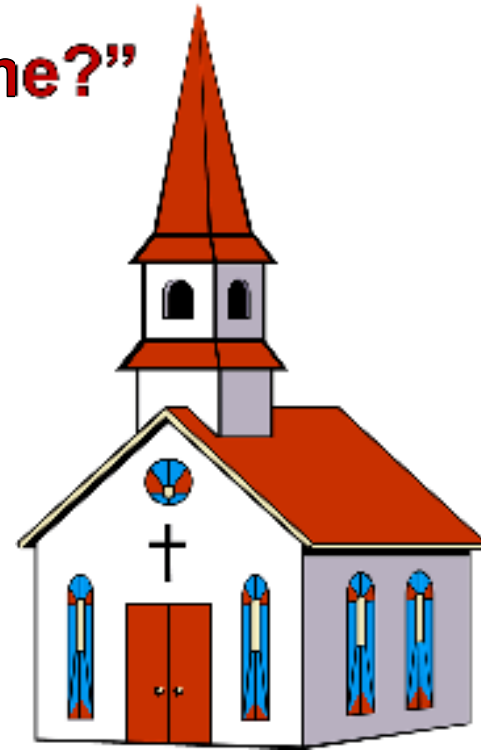
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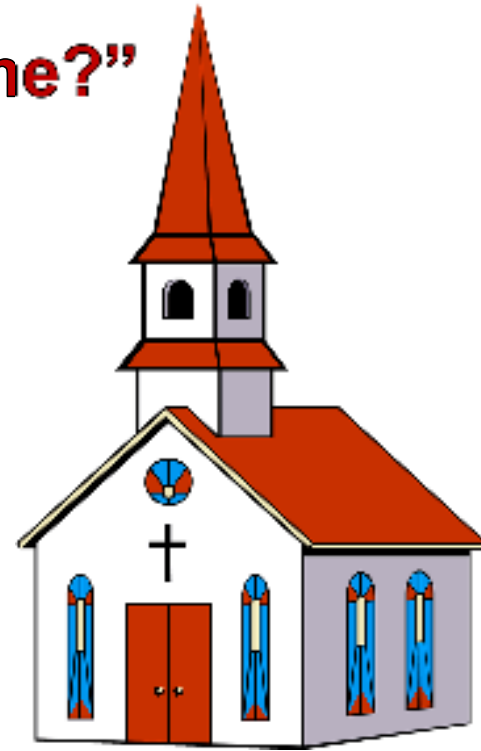
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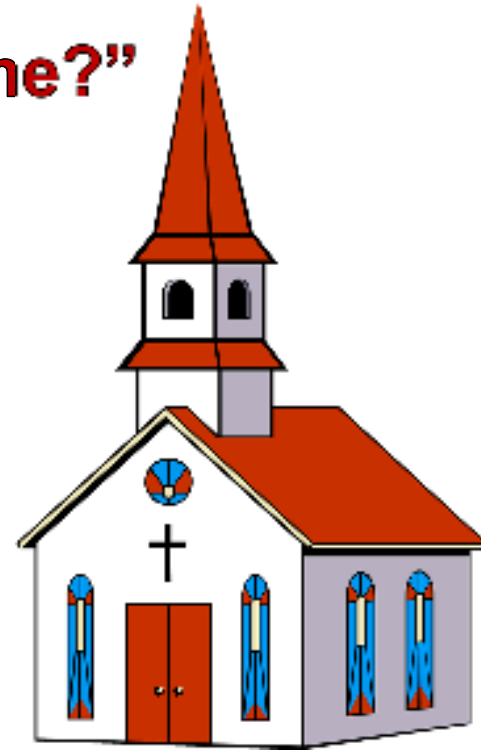
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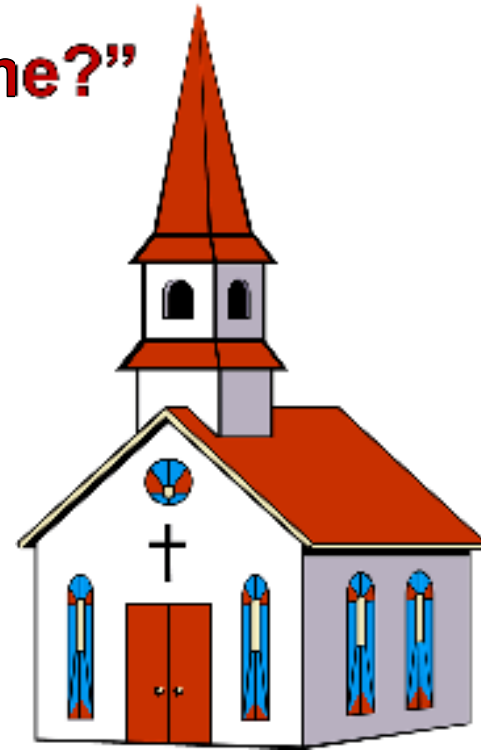
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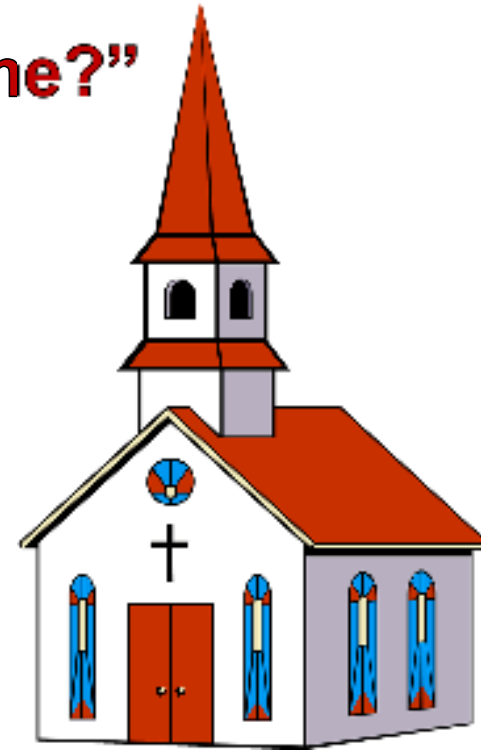
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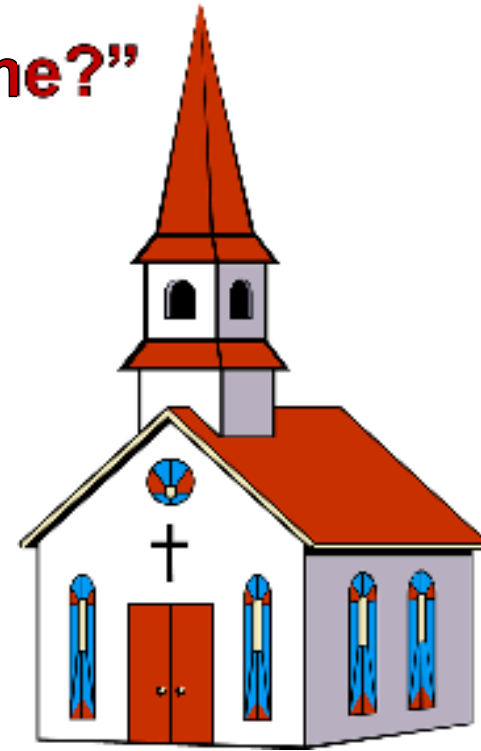
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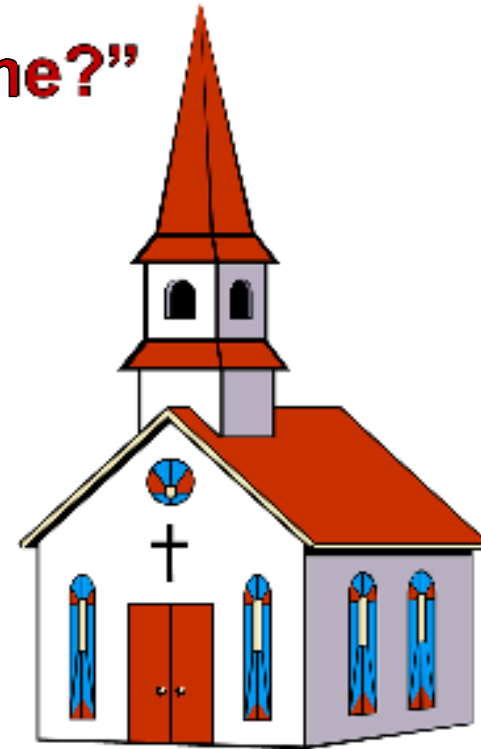
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Uncomfortable



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The Head and Body Relationship

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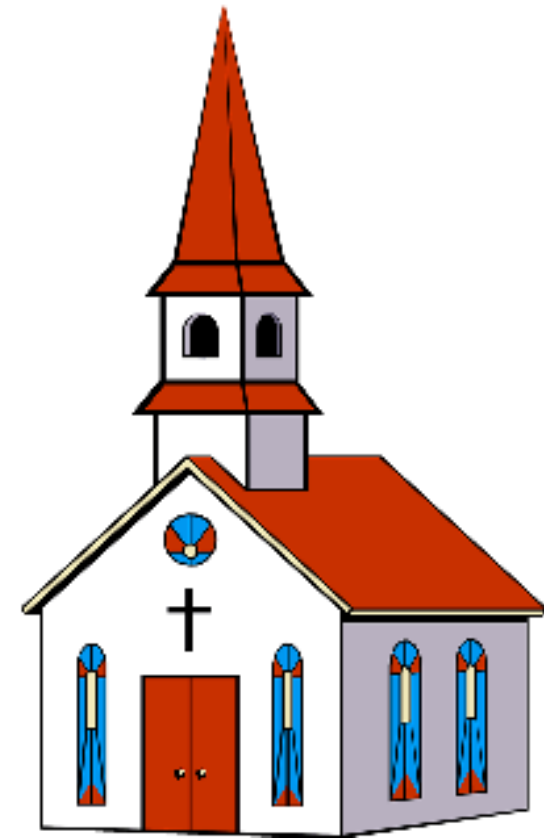
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The Head and the Body

**The body belongs to
the head, but the head
is also part of the body
(Colossians 3:15)**



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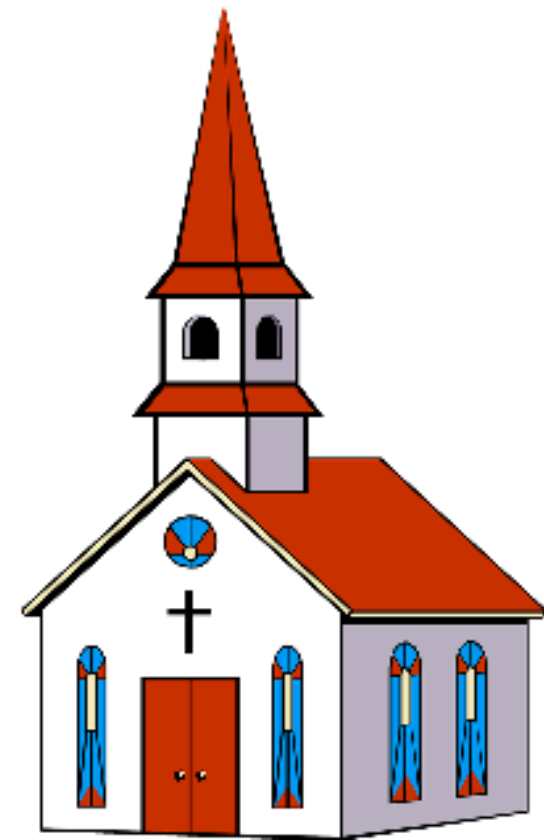


The Head and the Body

**The body and the head
have shared DNA
(Colossians 2:19)**



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The Head and the Body

**Every head only has
one body, and every body
has only one head
(Ephesians 4:4)**



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The Head and the Body

**While the body is made up of
many members, the head
values every
part equally
(1 Corinthians 12:12-31)**



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The Head and the Body

**The head and the body are
distinguishable but
also inseparable
(Ephesians 2:19-22)**



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The Head and the Body

**The head cares for the health
of the body and the body
gives purpose to the head
(Ephesians 4:11-13)**



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The Head and the Body

**The head contains the inputs
for 4 of your 5 senses
(Taste, Smell, Hear, and See)
(Ephesians 1:22)**



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The Head and the Body

**The head controls the body,
but the body
supports the head
(Colossians 1:18)**



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The Head and the Body

**If the church is the body
and there is only one body
then that means we need to
reach beyond
our differences**



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The Head and the Body

**If Christ is the head then we
the body can't survive unless
we stay connected
on focused on Him**



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The Head and the Body

**If we are the body then church
is not a destination, location,
or part of my life, my life
becomes part of it**



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The Head and the Body

**If we are the body then I must
be as concerned for others in
the body as I am for myself**



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God's Goal for the Body

**"A radiant church, without
stain or wrinkle or any other
blemish, but holy and
blameless"**



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Radiant

In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

Matthew 5:16



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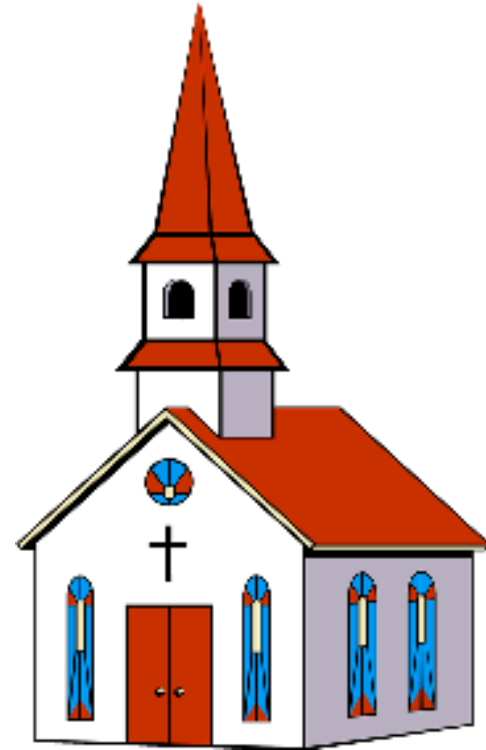
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**Come near to God and he will
come near to you. Wash your
hands, you sinners, and
purify your hearts, you
double-minded.**



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James 4:8



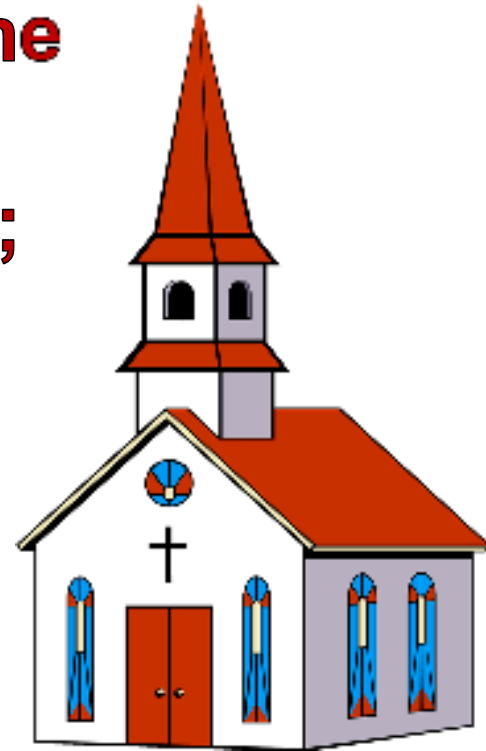
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I answered, "Sir, you know." And he said, "These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.



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Revelation 7:14



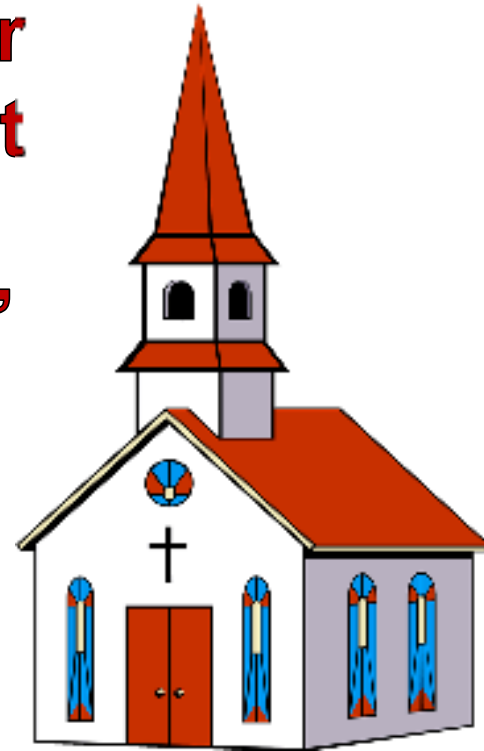
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“Blessed are those who wash their robes, that they may have the right to the tree of life and may go through the gates into the city.”

Revelation 22:14



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*No stains or
Wrinkles or blemish*

**Cleansing her by the washing
with water through the word**

Ephesians 5:26



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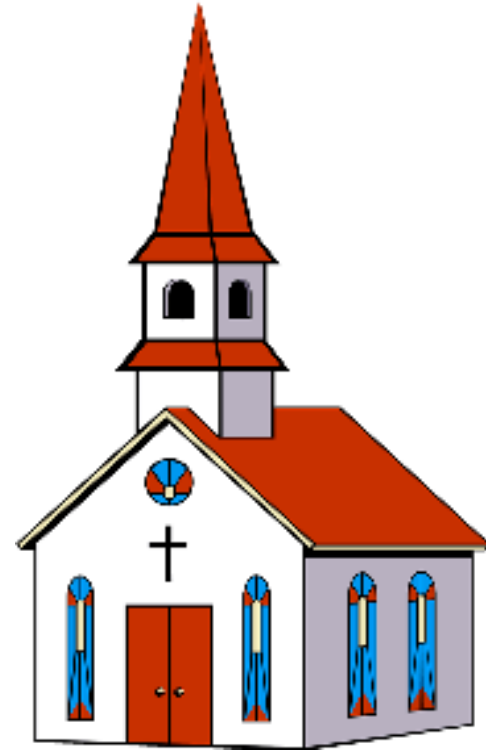
Holy and Blameless

**Holy: Dedicated or
consecrated to God**

**Blameless: Innocent of
wrongdoing**



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Are we THE CHURCH?