

My notes...

# The Christ-Filled Church



## The Identity of the Church

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Ephesians 2:1-22

**Grace Church is to be FILLED with the AUTHORITY, the \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_, and the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ!**

**What are the shared characteristics of individual believers that cause us to gravitate toward one another and become the church?**

We were \_\_\_\_\_, but now we are \_\_\_\_\_ (vs 1,5)

We were \_\_\_\_\_, but now we are \_\_\_\_\_ (vs 2,6)

We were \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, but now we are \_\_\_\_\_ by grace (vs 3,8)

We were \_\_\_\_\_, but now we are \_\_\_\_\_ (vs 11-18)

**A Christ-filled Church is one where believers possess a new collective \_\_\_\_\_ as the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ!**

**What are the characteristics of our new collective identity together as the body of Christ?**

The body of Christ is \_\_\_\_\_ (vss 14-16)

The body of Christ are \_\_\_\_\_ (vs 19)

The body of Christ are \_\_\_\_\_ (vs 19)

The body of Christ are members of the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ (vs 19)

The body of Christ \_\_\_\_\_ (vs 21)

The body of Christ is a \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ (vs 22)

**Are we, as the body of believers at Grace Church, filled with the identity of Jesus Christ?**

## **TIP Sheet** (Take It Personal)

Use the below questions to aid you in making personal application of your study in the Word.

1. What are some of the unique qualities and characteristics of your personal (non-spiritual) identity? What are some of the unique qualities and characteristics that make you who you are? Share an example of a specific aspect of your identity that causes you to gravitate toward another individual or another group of individuals.
2. What was your personal (spiritual) identity before Christ? How would you describe your personal (spiritual) identity after Christ? How has your personal identity in Christ caused you to gravitate toward other believers?
3. READ: Colossians 2:8-15 What does it mean that we were dead in our trespasses? What does it mean that we were made alive together with Him?
4. READ: Colossians 3:1-4 What does it mean to seek the things that are above? How is a believer able to set their mind on things above and not on things that are on earth?
5. READ: Colossians 3:5-11 What reason does Paul give the Colossians that God's wrath is coming? What are some of the "earthly" ways you used to walk that were deserving of God's wrath? What are some of ways you have put on the "new self" which is being renewed in the image of your Creator?
6. READ: Romans 3:21-30 Whether Jew or Gentile, how are sinners justified (made righteous)? What connection is there between Ephesians 2 and Romans 3:21-31?
7. Based on Ephesians chapter 2, how would you summarize the church's identity? How would you describe the church to someone who had no knowledge of God or the Bible?
8. Based on Paul's description in Ephesians chapter 2, the church is a pretty miraculous and amazing thing. How does Ephesians chapter 2 increase your appreciation for what God has done to build the church through Jesus Christ?
9. What evidence do you see that Grace Church is filled with the identity of Jesus Christ?