

Why Be Part of The Church?

You Are Gifted to Serve in and with The Church. The Body of Christ

1 Peter 4:10-11

As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him glory and dominion belong forever and ever. Amen.

You Are Blessed in Order to Serve Through the Church. The Body of Christ

Galatians 5:13-14

For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

You Are Commanded to Serve Through the Church. The Body of Christ

Matthew 20:28

Just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."

You Ought to Serve Through the Church. The Body of Christ.

John 13:12-14

When he had washed their feet and put on his outer garments and resumed his place, he said to them, "Do you understand what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet.

True Greatness Comes by Service Through the Church. The Body of Christ

Mark 9:35

Sitting down, Jesus called the Twelve and said,

“Anyone who wants to be first must be the very last, and the servant of all.”

Jesus Exemplified Service

Philippians 2:4-7

Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men.

You Can't Be a Part of The Body of Christ Unless You are Functioning in the Church

1 Corinthians 12:27

Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.