

Why Church

Scripture: Revelation 5:1-14

What is the church?

Building - Worship - 1 Corinthians 3:16-17

Body - Connection - 1 Corinthians 12:12

Bride - Love - Revelation 19:7-8

Doctrinal Certainty *

Die For - Essential

Divide For - Urgent

Debate For - Important

Decide For - Non-essential

Three Marks of the Church

Scripture (2 Timothy 3:16-17)

Ordinances of Baptism and Communion (Romans 6:4; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26)

Order (1 Timothy 3:1-13)

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Love God - Upward - Worship (Mark 12:30)

Love Neighbor—Outward - Witness (Luke 10:25-28)

Love One Another - Inward - Nurture (John 13:33-35)

One Thing

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Helpful Resources:

- Evangelical Convictions: A Theological Exposition of the Statement of Faith of the EFCA
- The Local Church: What It Is and Why It Matters for Every Christian by Edward W. Klink III
 - * Credit to Dr. Gerry Breshears for the doctrinal certainty outline.

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