

# The Church is FOR... Love

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### 1. LOVED BY GOD

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[Jesus said] 16 "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."

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### 2. LOVED IN SPITE OF OUR UNWORTHINESS

#### Rom 3:23

23 ... all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

#### Rom 5:6, 8

6 You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. 7 ... 8 But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

#### 1 Cor 15:10

10 [God's] grace to me was not without effect.

## 1 John 1:8-10

8 If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

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### 3. COMMISSIONED TO SHARE GOD'S LOVE

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#### Mark 5:19

19 Jesus ... said [to the demon-possessed man], "Go home to your family and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you."

#### Matt 28:10

10 Then Jesus said to [the women at the tomb], "Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

#### Matt 28:18-20 (Great Commission)

18 Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."