

This is a Church: What is a Church?

1 Peter 2:4-12















**Why does it matter what a
chair is?**





**The church is a people for
God's own possession.**

- 1. Built on Christ**
- 2. Church is the People**
- 3. Made for Mission**

Built on Christ

- Jesus is the cornerstone of the church
- All the amazing blessings that are true of Christians are only true because they are first true of Jesus
- If something has the external appearance of a church, but isn't built on Jesus, it's not a true church

Church is the People

- The church inherits the promises made to Israel because it is a people like Israel was a people
- The descriptions in v. 9 require a group of people, not individuals
- Stones in a house (v. 5) need the other stones around them in place to function properly

Made for Mission

- God forms us as a church so we can share with others about Him
- 2 ways we're called to live on mission
 1. Living self-controlled, honorable lives (v. 11-12)
 2. Proclaiming His excellencies (v. 9)

**The Church:
The people of God, built on
the foundation of Jesus,
assembled for the glory of
God and the proclamation
of the gospel to those who
don't yet know Him**

