

Friends and Church

One Lord, One Faith, One Baptism

Three Realities of the Church

The church is

(1) called,

(2) a community, and

(3) otherworldly.

The Church is Called

“For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight” (Eph. 1:4). “In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will” (Eph. 1:11).

The Church is Community

**“You are ... fellow
citizens with God’s
people and members of
God’s household” (Eph.
2:19).**

The Church is Otherworldly

“You followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient.... [But God] made us alive with Christ ... and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus” (Eph. 2:2, 5–6)

Conclusion

God's Church must support and uphold one another because of these three realities.

We are called

We are a community

We are otherworldly