

Jesus and the Church

The Church?

A Building?

An organisation of religious people?

All who have placed their faith in
Jesus Christ?

**As the world changes how should
the Church react...**

Should the Church remain the same?

Hebrews 13 8

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever

Lamentations 3 22, 23

Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. **They are new every morning;** Great is your faithfulness.

How did Paul describe the church?

Body: Jesus the head

Gods handiwork: His masterpiece

Bride: the church and Christ as one

Soldier: the whole armour of God

Temple: reconciled through Jesus

A Temple

“You have been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole building, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, in whom you also are being built together into a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.”

Ephesians 2:19-22

How did Jesus describe the church?

Salt: Salt of the earth.

Light: You are the light of the world.

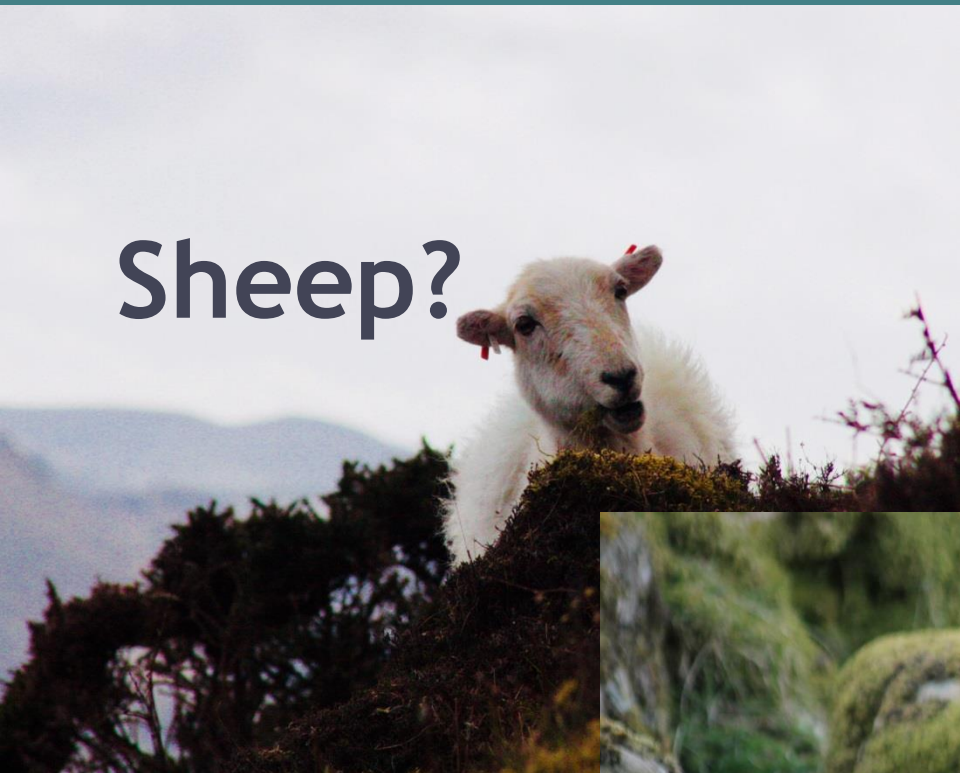
Vine: Rooted in Jesus

“Remain in me, and I will remain in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it remains in the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me.”

Sheep?



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Sheep

““I am the good shepherd. **The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.** The hired hand, who is not a shepherd and does not own sheep, sees the wolf coming and abandons the sheep and runs away. So the wolf attacks the sheep and scatters them. Because he is a hired hand and is not concerned about the sheep, he runs away.” John 10:11-13

Paul talked about our **relationship with Jesus and each other**

Jesus talked about our **relationship with Him and our purpose**



Three things to take away...

- 1 Listen to the next generation
- 2 Choose your battles wisely
- 3 What sort of Church are you working towards?

