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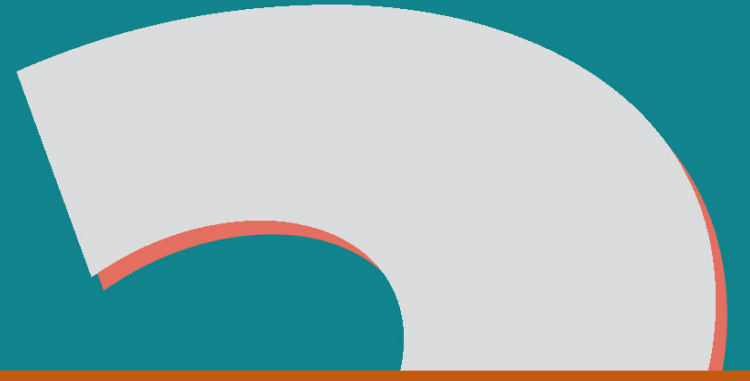
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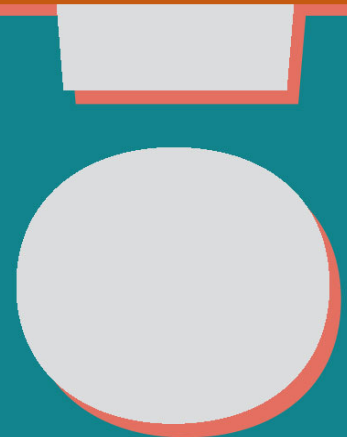


# WHAT IS



*This is a profoundly important question amid a culture that is not only abandoning the institutional church but is even attempting to dismantle it.*

# ALL ABOUT



# WHAT IS *Church*

## ALL ABOUT

1. Ministry to God: **Worship**
2. Ministry to Believers: **Nurture**
3. Ministry to the World: **Evangelism  
and  
Mercy**

*-Keeping the purpose in balance*

WHAT IS  
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## *Worship*

*Worship is the profound celebration  
of God and His supreme worth  
in such a manner that  
His worthiness becomes the norm  
and inspiration for human living.*

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# Baptism & Communion

Baptism:

*...where the one becomes part of the many.*

Communion:

*...where the many become united in the one.*

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***“Give us your money!!!!”***

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*Shame and guilt you  
to give financially.*

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...we are getting  
'the sermon'.*

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*Who is being financially  
irresponsible?*

*The leadership?*

*The staff?*

*The congregation?*

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Tithing

*Awkward !*



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What if it is really all about....

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What if it is really all about....

...*Worship?*

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*Cas and Sheri*

# WHAT IS *tithing* ALL ABOUT

Definition:

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## *Malachi 3:6-12*

<sup>6</sup> “For I the Lord do not change; therefore you, O children of Jacob, are not consumed.  
<sup>7</sup> From the days of your fathers you have turned aside from my statutes and have not kept them. **Return to me, and I will return to you**, says the Lord of hosts. But you say, ‘How shall we return?’ <sup>8</sup> Will man rob God? Yet you are robbing me. But you say, ‘How have we robbed you?’ In your tithes and contributions. <sup>9</sup> You are cursed with a curse, for you are robbing me, the whole nation of you. <sup>10</sup> Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. And thereby put me to the test, says the Lord of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need. <sup>11</sup> I will rebuke the devourer for you, so that it will not destroy the fruits of your soil, and your vine in the field shall not fail to bear, says the Lord of hosts. <sup>12</sup> Then all nations will call you blessed, for you will be a land of delight, says the Lord of hosts.

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## 7 theocracies in the world today:

Afghanistan

Iran

Mauritania

Saudi Arabia

Sudan

Yemen

Vatican



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Matthew 22 - <sup>15</sup> Then the Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle Him in His words. <sup>16</sup> And they sent their disciples to Him, along with the Herodians, saying, "*Teacher, we know that you are true and teach the way of God truthfully, and you do not care about anyone's opinion, for you are not swayed by appearances.*" <sup>17</sup> Tell us, then, what you think. *Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?"* <sup>18</sup> But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "*Why put me to the test, you hypocrites?*" <sup>19</sup> Show me the coin for the tax." And they brought Him a denarius. <sup>20</sup> And Jesus said to them, "*Whose likeness and inscription is this?"* <sup>21</sup> They said, "*Caesar's.*" Then He said to them, "*Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's.*" <sup>22</sup> When they heard it, they marveled. And they left Him and went away.

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**II Corinthians 9**

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## I Corinthians 9

- <sup>1</sup>Now it is superfluous for me to write to you about the ministry for the saints,  
<sup>2</sup>for I know your readiness, of which I boast about you to the people of Macedonia, saying that Achaia has been ready since last year. And your zeal has stirred up most of them.
- <sup>3</sup>But I am sending the brothers so that our boasting about you may not prove empty in this matter, so that you may be ready, as I said you would be.
- <sup>4</sup>Otherwise, if some Macedonians come with me and find that you are not ready, we would be humiliated—to say nothing of you—for being so confident.
- <sup>5</sup>So I thought it necessary to urge the brothers to go on ahead to you and arrange in advance for the gift you have promised, so that it may be ready as a willing gift, not as an exaction.

*It is a priority.*

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*It is cheerful.*

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*It is cheerful.*

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*It is sacrificial.*

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**<sup>8</sup> And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work.**

**<sup>9</sup> As it is written,**

**“He has distributed freely, He has given to the poor;  
His righteousness endures forever.”**

**<sup>10</sup> He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness.**

**<sup>11</sup> You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.**

*It is sacrificial.*

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*It is honorable.*

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- 12 For the ministry of this service is not only supplying the needs of the saints but is also overflowing in many thanksgivings to God.**
- 13 By their approval of this service, they will glorify God because of your submission that comes from your confession of the gospel of Christ, and the generosity of your contribution for them and for all others,**
- 14 while they long for you and pray for you, because of the surpassing grace of God upon you.**
- 15 Thanks be to God for His inexpressible gift!**

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***So.....therefore.....what now?***



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*It is generous.*

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*...worship!*



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