



2020 VISION:

SEEING AS JESUS SEES

THE CHURCH: HIS BODY



How We Sometimes See The Church

- **Individuals At The Same Location & Time**
- **With Individual Needs And Desires**
1st Corinthians 8:7
- **A Place to Cater To My Individual Needs/Desires**



How We Sometimes See The Church

- **A Business**
 - **Operating Like A Business**
 - **Organized Like A Business**



How We Sometimes See The Church

- **A Social Organization**
 - **Emphasis On Social Activities**
 - **Emphasis On Social Relationships**



The Consequences Of These Views

- **Individuals: Strained/Nonexistent Relationships**
 - **Little To No Interaction**
 - **Little to No Concern For Others in the Congregation**



The Consequences Of These Views

- **Business: Its Purpose Changes**
 - **The 'Bottom Line' Affects All Decisions**
 - **Within Is Competition, Rather Than Cooperation**



The Consequences Of These Views

- **Social: Its Focus Changes**
 - **From Spiritual To Physical/Material**
 - **Error Is Tolerated**



The Consequences Of These Views

- **We Cease Being THE LORD's Church**
 - **His Will No Longer Prevails or Guides**
 - **He Is No Longer The Reason It Exists**



How Jesus Sees His Church: A Body

- **Many Members, But One Body**
- **Different Functions, But Working Together**

1st Corinthians 12:12, 20

- **No Unimportant Member**

1st Corinthians 12:21, 22; Ephesians 4:16



How Jesus Sees His Church: A Body

- **Members Concerned For One Another**

- **No Division, But The Same Care For One Another**

1st Corinthians 12:25

- **All Suffer Or Rejoice Together**

1st Corinthians 12:26



How Jesus Sees His Church: A Body

- **Its Nature: A SPIRITUAL Body**

- **A Spiritual House**

1st Peter 2:5; Ephesians 2:19-22

- **A Spiritual Purpose**

1st Cor. 3:1; 1st Pet. 2:5; 2nd Cor. 10:4; John 4:23, 24

*“Now you are the body of Christ,
and members individually.”*

1st Corinthians 12:27

