

*Radiant Living Worship Center*

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*I Love The Church*

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The Church is the prized possession of the Lord.

He loves the Church and He also loves the people of the Church.

God Loves the Church so much that Jesus made a promise that He would:

“...build My Church, and the gates of Hell shall not prevail against it.’ (Matt 16:18)

But as much as God loves the Church, many people do not remotely try to return the love. As a matter of fact, Matt. 24:11-13 tells us that because of false prophets, and the growth iniquity or lawlessness, **the love** of many will grow cold.

Even in the care of the Church of Ephesus, God warns them that they had left their **first love**. (Rev 2:4)

Paul warned Timothy (2 Tim 3:2-4) that men would be:

- Lovers of money
- Lovers of themselves
- Unloving
- Lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God

You can't say you love God and not love the Church.

I am glad that we have buildings, but that is not the Church; I am glad we have programs, but that is not the church. The Church is the:

- Body of Christ
- Bride of Christ
- House of Christ
- House of God
- Pillar and Ground of Truth
- Light of the World
- Salt of the Earth
- Spiritual House
- Habitation of God

God loves the Church and wants us to reflect that love to the world, by devoting ourselves to:

1. Teaching
2. Fellowship
3. Breaking Bread
4. Prayer

When we do this, we show not only that Christ loves the church, but that the Church loves Christ.

The Church may face situations, and may have to cry sometimes, but rest assured Church, God loves us.

His Love has promised us:

**His Presence:**

Matthew 18:20

**His Power**

Acts 1:8

**Protection**

Isaiah 54:17

**Productivity**

Acts 2:44

**Unity**

Galatians 3:28

**His Return**

John 14:2-3

God Sent His Son  
The Son Gave His Life  
The Holy Ghost Now Abides and Provides

**His Banner Over Me Is Love  
(Song of Solomon 2:4)**