

Community of God

Rethinking the Church: Part 1— On the Nature of the Church

1. How would you define the church:

2. What are some of the key themes in Ephesians 1:1–14? _____
3. Who is the one accomplishing these blessings? _____
4. Who has an inheritance to look forward to?
 - i. Believers in Christ Jesus.
 - ii. God.
 - iii. All of the above.
5. There is more glory in the new covenant than in the old? (Yes/No/The Same)
6. Who sees the glory of God in the church? _____

The church according to Ephesians 1–3: *The church is God's supernatural community, beginning from his plan and choice before time began, a people rescued from sin by his lavish grace in Christ from all the nations of the world; to be holy and blameless; to be adopted as sons; to receive an inheritance and be his inheritance; to live under his righteous rule; so that he might display the glory of his power, wisdom, and grace to all creatures in heaven and on earth.*

7. List the four ways in which we must be challenged in light of the nature of the church:
 - i. Our _____ must be challenged.
 - ii. Our _____ must be challenged.
 - iii. Our _____ must be challenged.
 - iv. Our _____ must be challenged.