**Church**

**So often you hear people say that I am going to the church. But what is the church and why is it important. The bible tells us the following on the Church:**

**Simon Peter replied, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. (Matthew 16:16–18,)**

**The Greek definition for church is called out. The term Church is those called out believers who confess that Jesus Christ is the son of God and they follow his teachings. In Matthew 16 Jesus was declaring that based upon the testimony that Peter stated that Jesus was the Christ, the son of the living God, he would build the Church up on that. The scripture below explains it**

**John 3:16 - For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.**

**Romans 10:9-10 - That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the LORD Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. 10For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.**

**Although we call the building that those who believe go to as the Church, it is actually not the building.**