

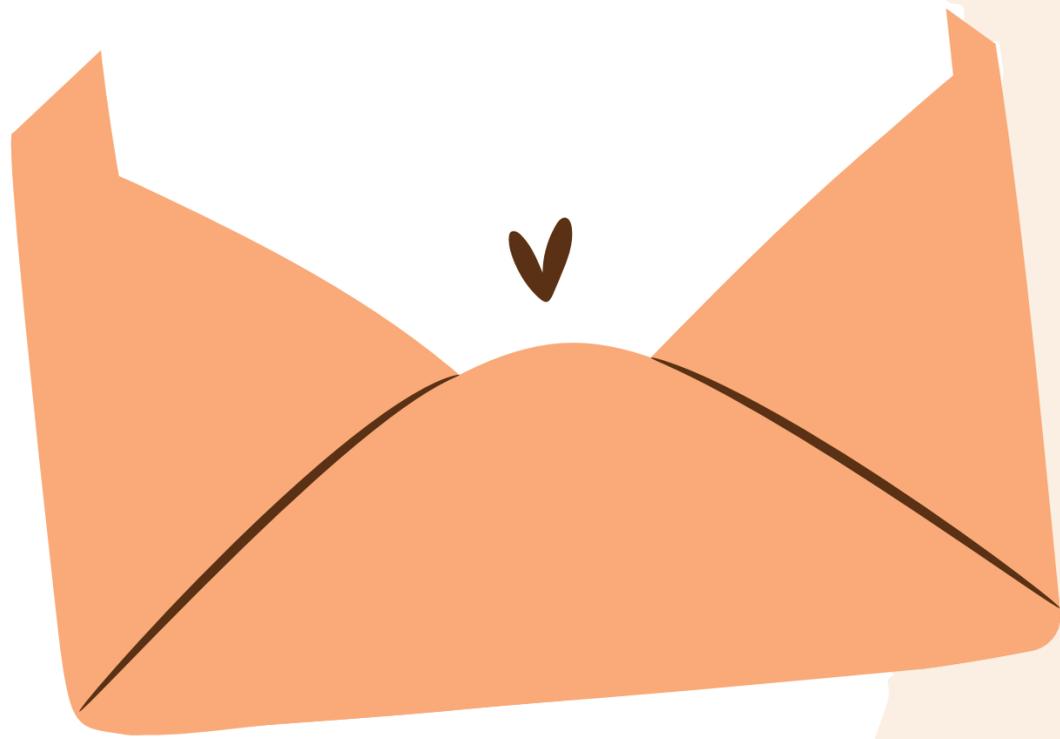
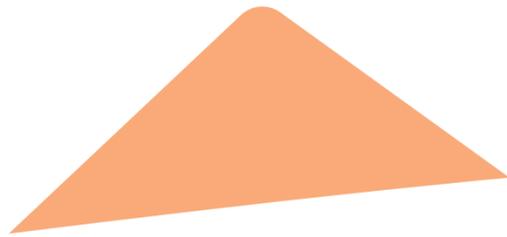


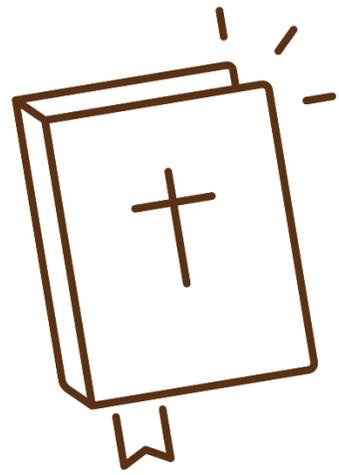
The Church
where is it?



What we know...

- We can fully follow Christ by following his teachings.
- There are many different Christian denominations that all claim to be the TRUE CHURCH. But there can only be ONE!
- We can know the True teachings by looking at the Word of God and seeing what others have believed.

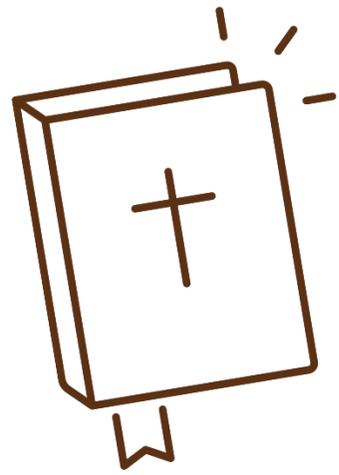




Christ established a Church

And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.

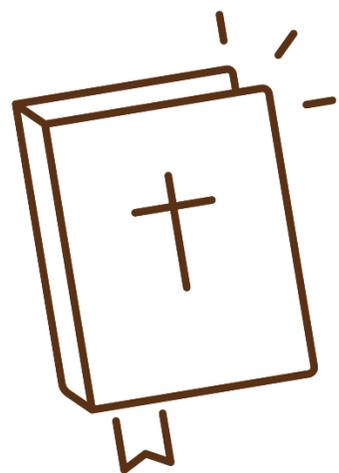
Matthew 16:18



The Church is Still Around

"...gates of Hades will not over it" (Matt 16:18)

"...very end of age." (Matt 28:19-20)



The Church is EVERYWHERE!

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

Matthew 28:19-20



What does the Church look like?



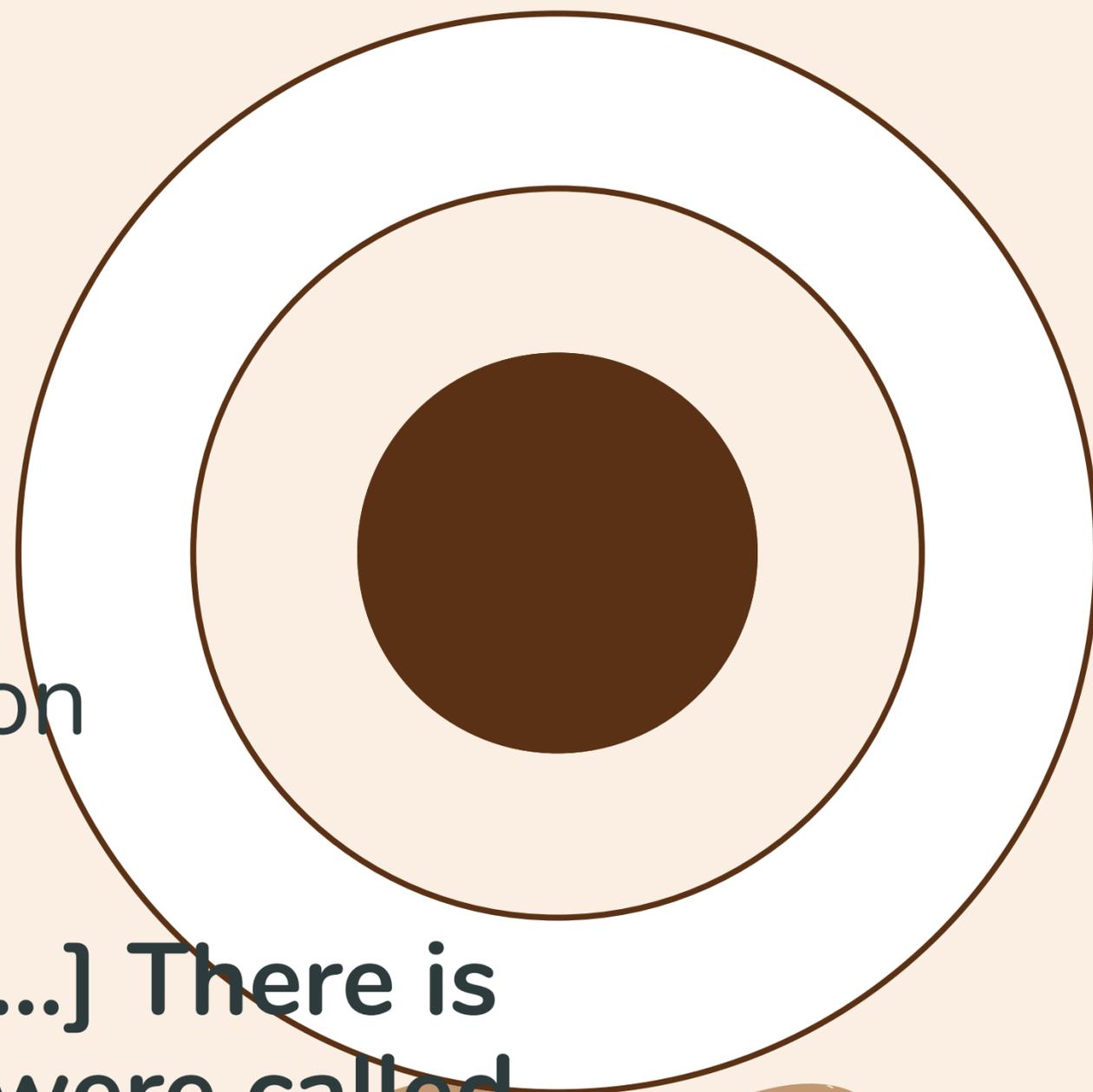
- Universal
- One
- True
- Visible and Invisible
- Still around
- Apostolic
- Holy

The Church is One

"One Body" (Romans 12:5, 1
Corinthians 10:17)

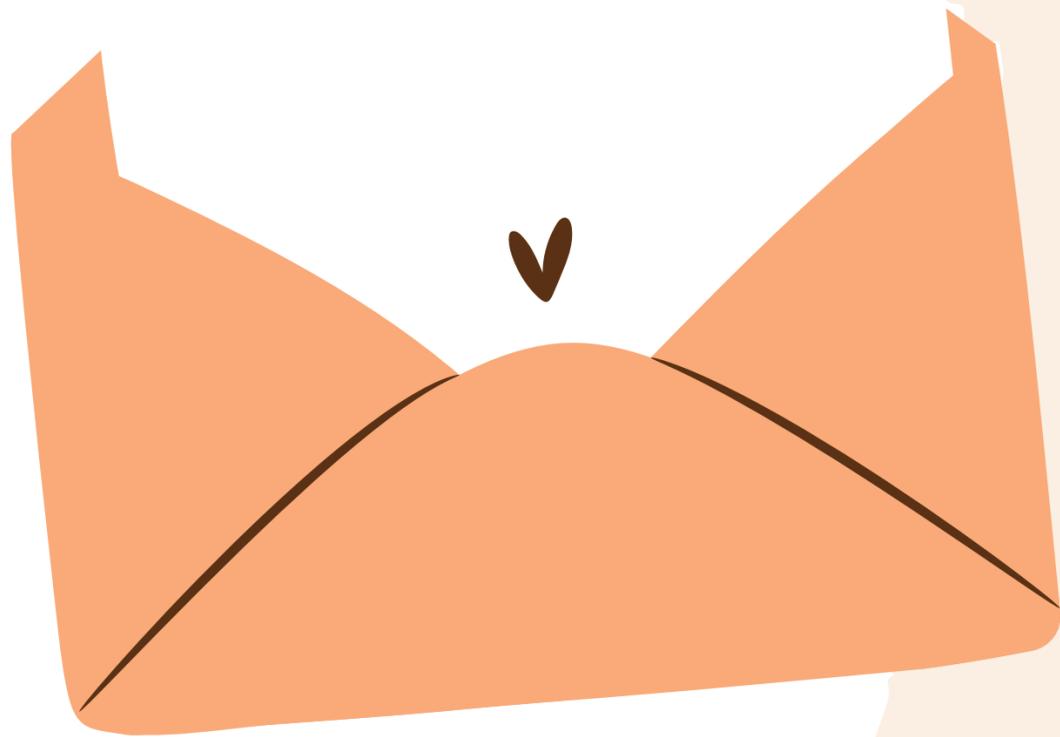
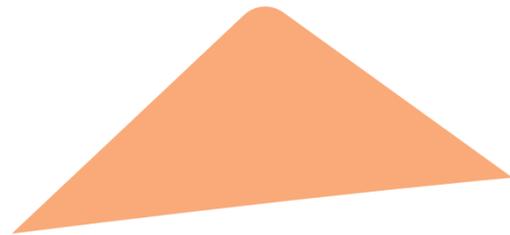
"stand firm in one spirit" (Philemon
1:27)

"[...]keep the unity of the Spirit[...] There is
one body and one Spirit,[...]you were called
to one hope when you were called; one Lord,
one faith, one baptism[...]" (Ephesians 4:3-6)



The Church is Holy

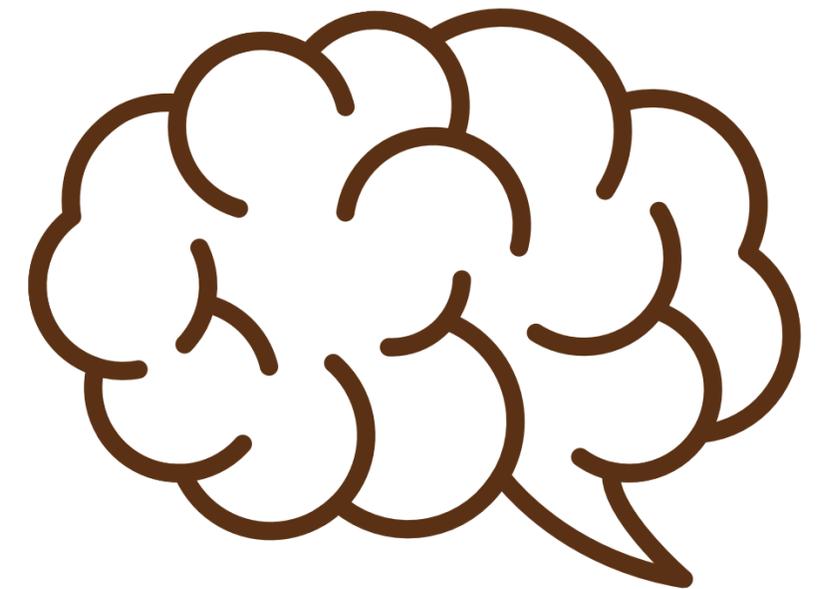
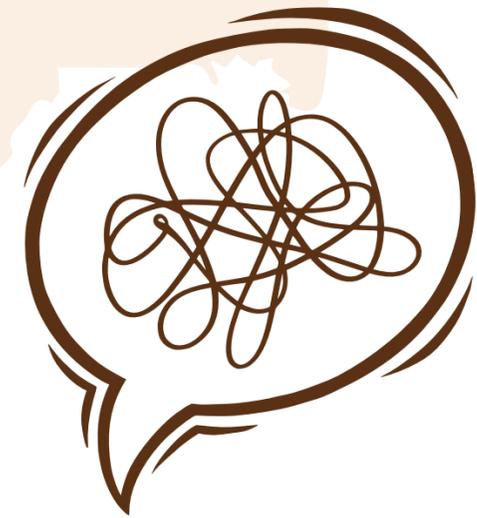
"[...]the church and gave
himself up for her to make
her holy[...]"
Ephesians 5:25-27



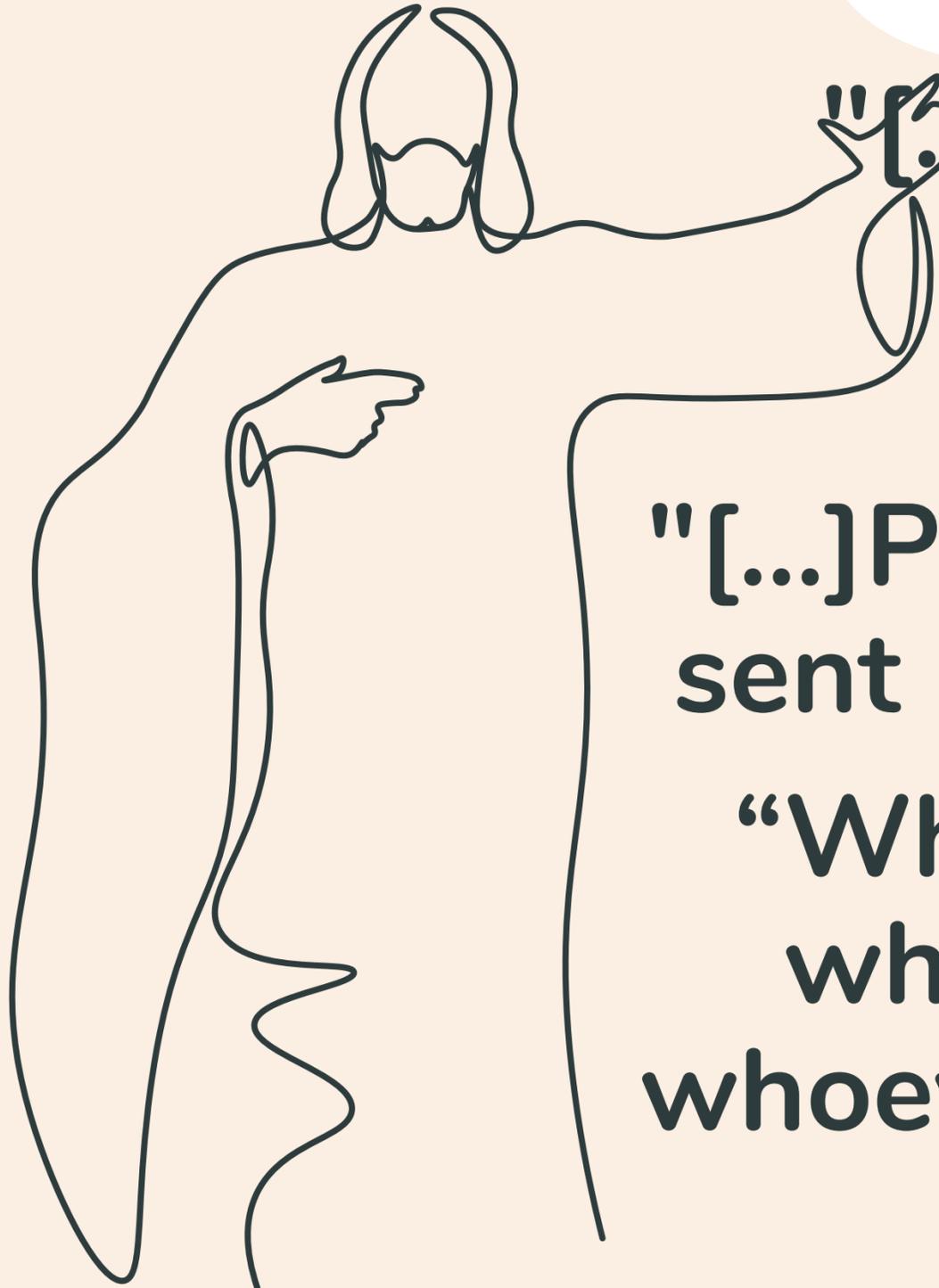
The Church is Univer

The word "catholic" means universal. It comes from the Greek words kata-"according to" and holos-"whole"

"He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation." (Mark 16:15)



The Church is Apostolic



"[...] household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophet[...] (Ephesians 2:19-20)

"[...]Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." (John 20:21)

"Whoever listens to you listens to me; whoever rejects you rejects me; but whoever rejects me rejects him who sent me." (Luke 10:16)

The Church is True

"[...]God's household, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and foundation of the truth."

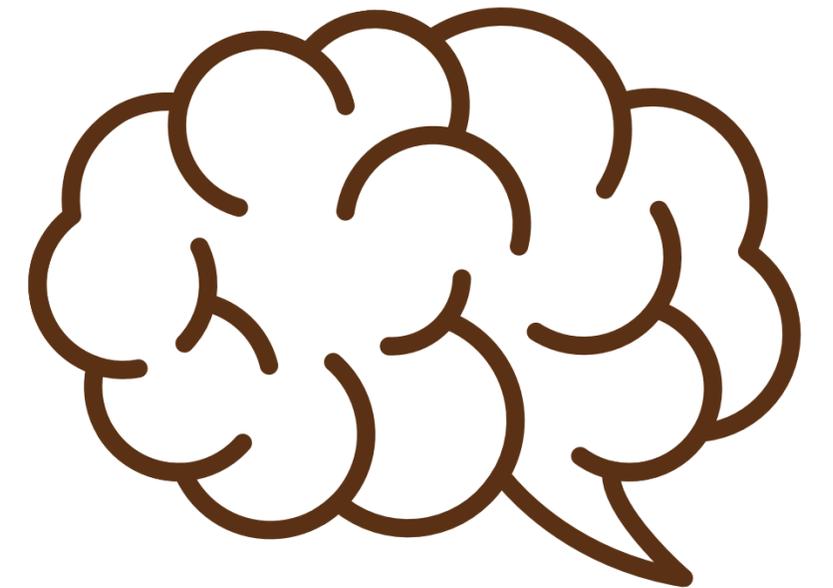
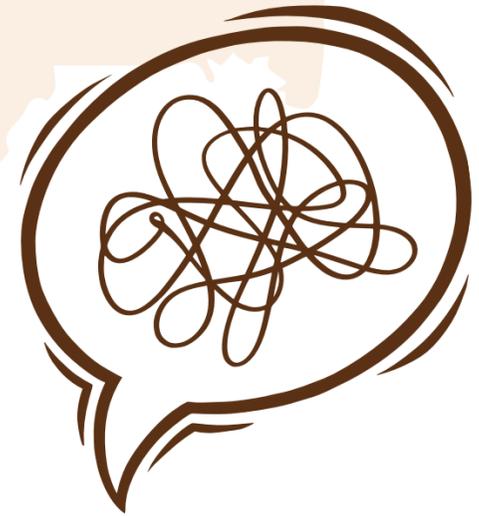


1 Timothy 3:15

The Church is Authoritative

"[...]If they still refuse to listen, tell it to the church; and if they refuse to listen even to the church, treat them as you would a pagan or a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven[...]"

Matthew 18:15-20





The Church is Visible

“You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house.” (Matthew 5:14-15)



Why is this Important?

We are not supposed to be divided.



"all of you agree in what you say, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and in the same purpose."

1 Corinthians 1:10