Grace Church - Abbotsford BC 9/8/2013

Why I love the Church!

Definition: The church is the community of all true believers for all time.

Why I love the Church!

# Jesus is in charge!

Eph 4:15-16, Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. <sup>16</sup> From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

Why I love the Church!

#### The church is the bride of Christ!

Eph 5:31-32, As the Scriptures say, "A man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife, and the two are united into one." This is a great mystery, but it is an illustration of the way Christ and the church are one.

Why I love the Church!

Grace Church - Abbotsford BC 9/8/2013

## The gates of hell can't break it!

Matt. 16:18 - Now I say to you that you are Peter (which means 'rock'), and upon this rock I will build my church, and all the powers of hell will not conquer it.

Why I love the Church!



### We've got the best news!

Romans 10:9-10, <sup>9</sup> If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup> For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved.

Why I love the Church!

### There is no membership fee!

#### It is free to join!

Ephesians 2 <sup>8</sup> For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— <sup>9</sup> not by works, so that no one can boast.

Why I love the Church!



### We are citizens of heaven!

 $Ephesians\ 3:20, But\ our\ citizenship\ is\ in\ heaven.$ 

We are family!

Why I love the Church!

