





A large, ancient tree trunk in a forest, showing intricate bark patterns and moss-covered roots. The scene is dimly lit, with sunlight filtering through the trees in the background.

GROUNDED IN TRUTH

ROOTED

¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." ¹⁷ Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. ¹⁸ 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 16:16-18 (NIV)

25 ... Christ loved the church and gave himself up
for her

Ephesians 5:25 (NIV)

We believe that the **true church** comprises all who have been justified by God's grace through faith alone in Christ alone. They are united by the Holy Spirit in the body of Christ, of which He is the Head. The true church is manifest in **local churches...**"

EFCOA Statement of Faith: The Church

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¹² Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³ For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body – whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free – and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. ¹⁴ Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many.

1 Corinthians 12:12-14 (NIV)

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- Contributors, NOT Consumers

⁴³ ... whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴ and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. ⁴⁵ For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

Mark 10:43-45 (NIV)



