The church is the <u>hope of the world</u>

> Matthew 16:13-18 NCV
> When Jesus came to the area of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his followers, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?"
> They answered, "Some say you are John the Baptist. Others say you are Elijah, and still others say you are Jeremiah or one of the prophets."
> Then Jesus asked them, "And who do you say I am?"
> Simon Peter answered, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."
> Jesus answered, "You are blessed, Simon son of Jonah, because no person taught you that. My Father in heaven showed you who I am. So I tell you, you are Peter. On this rock I will build my church, and the power of death will not be able to defeat it.

There is nothing like the church when the church <u>is working right</u>

> Acts 2:44-47 NIV
> All the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

The eternal destiny of my <u>neighbor</u> hangs in the balance so <u>we better get it right</u>

> Revelation 20:11-15 NLT
> And I saw a great white throne and the one sitting on it. The earth and sky fled from his presence, but they found no place to hide. I saw the dead, both great and small, standing before God's throne. And the books were opened, including the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to what they had done, as recorded in the books. The sea gave up its dead, and death and the grave gave up their dead. And all were judged according to their deeds. Then death and the grave were thrown into the lake of fire. This lake of fire is the second death. And anyone whose name was not found recorded in the Book of Life was thrown into the lake of fire.

Response
Today, I accepted Jesus Christ!
I'm committing to being here for the whole series!