

# 2. What is the Expression of the Church?

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## The Essence Dimension

God – One  
Local Church – Holy  
Other Churches – Open  
World – Sign  
Body Life - Ordered

## What is the Expression?

The ministry of the church

## Expression Approaches

Functional  
Dynamic  
Trinitarian  
Relational

## Expression Dynamics

Expressions  
Incarnational Dynamics  
Trinitarian Dynamic: Now – Built by the Spirit of Love

## Expression Categories

Unifying Worship  
Sanctifying Nurture  
Embracing Community  
Signifying Witness  
Sustaining Leading

## The Expression Categories

UNIFYING WORSHIP  
– God focused corporate worship  
SANCTIFYING NURTURE  
– Maturing Life and relationships  
EMBRACING COMMUNITY  
– Loving one another and embracing others  
SIGNIFYING WITNESS  
– Personal concern and proclamation  
SUSTAINING LEADERSHIP  
– Clear leadership that empowers gift participation

## The Essence & Expression Dimensions

Essence: Trinitarian Relational by Faith – As the body of Christ  
Expression: Incarnational Love Action – Being built by the Spirit

## What is the Goal?

The destiny of the church



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### What is the Goal?

Trinitarian Dynamic: Future – Hope directed as the People of God  
Eschatological Kingdom Goal

### Goal Dimension

United with God  
Perfect before God  
Loving with God  
Reconciled to God  
Complete with God

### The Church Model

