

# PLAYING CHURCH

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## LYRICS

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“...you will know how people ought to conduct themselves in God's household, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and foundation of the truth.”

-- First Timothy 3:15 NIV

## INTRODUCTION

Here's the church and here's the steeple.  
Open the doors and out come the people.  
Jesus gave His life for the Church.  
Are we praying or SLEEPING at church?

[SPOKEN 1:]

Ephesians 5:25b King James Version, “**Christ also loved the Church and gave Himself for it.**” Ephesians 5:25 New Living Translation, “...you husbands must love your wives with the same love Christ showed the Church.

**He gave up his life for her.**”

## CHORUS 1

So why are we churches just PLAYING at church?!  
Jesus Himself said to PRAY!  
Not just five minutes before meetings in church,  
Not just \_ praying some bulletin words!  
Satan is a lion \_\_\_ seeking us as his prey! ....

### **BUT**

here we are just PLAYING AT CHURCH.  
We should be praying for ALL we're worth...

**Jesus said HIS DEATH ON A CROSS was what our church is worth.....**

[SPOKEN 2: Ephesians 5:25]

**Why are we NOT praying to God for all we're worth?**

## CHORUS 2

So why are we Christians just PLAYING at church?!  
Jesus Himself said to PRAY!  
Not running church like a model business,  
NOT depending on \_ people for \_ finances, but  
Using God's \_ Gifts \_ in His pow'r and NOT our skills.

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## CHORUS 3

So why are we Christians just PLAYING at church?!

Jesus Himself said to PRAY!

NOT making church just a social club,  
not making good \_ deeds our focus over God,  
Luke \_ 22:46, Jesus warned us to pray! ...

### **BUT**

here we are just PLAYING AT CHURCH. We should be praying for ALL we're worth...

## CHORUS 4

Christ loved the Church -- GAVE HIS LIFE FOR HER!

Why \_\_ don't we obey Him and PRAY??

Not just five minutes before meetings in church,  
Not just \_ praying some bulletin words!

Satan is a lion \_\_ seeking us as his prey! ....

### **BUT**

here we are just PLAYING AT CHURCH. We should be praying for ALL we're worth...

### **Also on recording: Song Story**

Most churches begin with the wonderful goal of **worshiping** and **servicing** our Great Lord... but it's SO easy to drift into focusing on efficiency above prayer. It's so easy to forget that Jesus Himself said that **Satan is real**, seeking people to tear apart, **seeking churches to tear apart.**

This song was built around Luke 22:46. Just listen to the sorrow in Jesus's voice as He asks the future leaders of His Church, "WHY DO YOU SLEEP?" As He tells them to "RISE and PRAY against temptation." We *cannot* truly worship and serve God and share His Good News without the power of His Holy Spirit. And we have His Holy Spirit's help **ONLY** to the extent that we **PRAY** and **ASK** Him to help. From God through Ephesians 3:20 and 21,

**"Now to [GOD] who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ASK or think, according to the power that works in us, to Him be glory in the Church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen."**

Ephesians 3:20 and 21 -- "all that we ASK" ..... = all that we **pray**.

## END

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**The Church's One Foundation is JESUS CHRIST, HER LORD.  
She is His new creation, by Water and THE WORD.  
From heaven He came and sought her to be His holy bride.  
With Christ's own blood, He bought her, and for her life, He died.**