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**The Nature of the Church**

Introduction:

I. The church is the flock of God (Acts 20:28–30)

A. The church is special (28)

B. The church is vulnerable (29–30)

II. The church is the body of Christ (Ephesians 5:22–27)

A. The church must be submissive (22–24)

B. The church must be perfected (25–27)

III. The church is the temple of the Spirit (I Corinthians 3:16–17)

A. The identity of the church is certain (16)

B. The integrity of the church is crucial (17)