



The Church

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Goal: That we come away with a greater awareness of what the church is—the *who*, *what* and *how* of the church.



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- People (Who)
- Priority (What, How)

“But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name.” John 1:12



Universal church

A living spiritual body of which Christ is the head and all regenerated believers are members. This comprises *all* those who have placed their faith in Jesus for their salvation from the day of Pentecost, the birthday of the church in about 33AD, on into the future.



Local church

A body of believers in Jesus Christ who worship together, pray together, study Scripture together, build one another up in Christ in love, and meet one another's needs.

“but you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth.”

Acts 1:8

“Now when they heard this, they were pierced to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, ‘Brothers, what shall we do?’”

Acts 2:37

“Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you shall be saved,”

Acts 16:31

“So then, those who had received his word were baptized; and there were added that day about three thousand souls.”

Acts 2:41

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“All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.” 2 Tim. 3:16-17



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Latin: *communion* (common union) “pointing *to the communion that is shared with other believers as well as with God.*” (FOF 2009)

“Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind let each of you regard one another as more important than himself; do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others.”

Philippians 2:2-3

“And so, as those who have been chosen of God, holy and beloved, put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience: bearing with one another, and forgiving each other, whoever has a complaint against any one; just as the Lord forgave you, so also should you.”

Colossians 3:12-13

“and let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, not forsaking our own assembling together as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more, as you see the day drawing near.”

Hebrews 10:24-25



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“And day by day continuing with one mind in the temple, and *breaking bread from house to house, they were taking their meals together* with gladness and sincerity of heart, praising God, and having favor with all the people. And the Lord was adding to their number day by day those who were being saved.” Acts 2:46



4. Prayer

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“come *boldly* to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.”

Heb. 4:16

**“The absence of prayer is
a sure sign of work done
in the flesh.”**

E. M. Bounds
