

## Ecclesiology 101: How Does the Church Do Its Work?

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### Ecclesiology 101: Jesus Promises and Produces the Church

#### JESUS SPEAKS OF THE FUTURE CHURCH

1. **Matthew 16:13-20 (18) – The CREATION of the Church**  
The Church is *Future, Certain, Undefeatable*
2. **Matthew 18:15-20 (17) – The RELATION of the Church**  
We are *responsible* for each other, and *accountable* to each other
3. **Matthew 28:18-20 – The MISSION of the Church** – Make *disciples* (x)
4. **Acts 1:4-11 – The POWER of the Church**  
The *Power* of the Church – The Holy *Spirit*

#### JESUS BIRTHS THE CHURCH

1. **Acts 2:1-17 – The BEGINNING of the Church** – The Spirit came *promised*
2. **1 Cor 12:13 – The CHARACTERISTICS of the Church (1 Cor 6:19-20)**
  - a. *Placed* into (baptized) into the body of Christ by the Spirit
  - b. *Indwelt* by the Spirit

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### Ecclesiology 101: What IS the Church?

1. **What Is the Meaning of “Church?”** – *ecclesia (ἐκκλησία)*  
*“any assembly of people called together for a specific purpose”*
2. **What Are the Three Levels of the Church?**
  - a. *The Group of All Believers of the Church Age (Col 1:18)*
  - b. *All the Believers Presently on the Earth (Acts 5:11)*
  - c. *Churches as Local Groups of Believers*  
Acts 13:1 Now in the church that was at Antioch...
3. **Who Makes Up the Church?**
  - a. *Believers Between Pentecost & the Rapture (Universal) (1 Thes 4:14-17)*
  - b. *Believers Assembled in a Committed Group (Local) (Phil 1:1)*
4. **What Is the Church’s Relationship to Israel and the Gentiles?**  
1 Cor 10:32 Give no offense, either to the Jews or to the Greeks or to the church of God,

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### Ecclesiology 101: What Does the Church Do? (Matt 28:18-20)

#### The RESPONSIBILITY of the Church: What Does an Assembly Do?

1. *Proclaim the Good News of Salvation to Unbelievers (2 Cor 5:20-21)*
2. *Baptize those that Believe the Good News of Salvation (Acts 8:12)*
3. *Teach those that Believe to Observe What Jesus Taught (Titus 2:11-14)*

#### The IDENTITY of the Disciple: What Does a Follower Do?

1. *Be Living by the Word of God (John 8:30-32)*
2. *Be Bearing the Fruit of God (John 15:8)*
3. *Be Loving the People of God (John 13:34-35)*
4. *Be Looking for the Return of God (1 John 3:2-3)*
5. *Be Shining the Light of God (Matt 5:16)*
6. *Be Denying the Opposite of God (Col 3:1-5)*

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1. **God Appoints** \_\_\_\_\_ (*Eph 4:11*)
2. **God Assigns the** \_\_\_\_\_ (*Eph 4:12*)
  - a. *Believers are* \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. *To do ministry* \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. *Which* \_\_\_\_\_ *the Body*
3. **God Ascribes the** \_\_\_\_\_ (*Eph 4:13-16*)  
*“that we might ALL attain...”*
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_ : **oneness** – *doing as one – not individualism*  
*“unto the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God”*
    - Shared **belief** and shared **experiences**
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_ : **completeness** – *to the end, not half-way*  
*“to a perfect man,”*
    - Every part, fully trained
  - c. \_\_\_\_\_ : **positively stated** – *grow up fully as Christ*  
*“to the measure of the stature [or maturity] of the fullness of Christ;”*
    - God defines “grown up,” and defines it as a unit
  - d. \_\_\_\_\_ : **negatively stated** – *not as infants*  
*“that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting,”*
    - Not tossed by circumstance or deceived by false teaching or fads
  - e. \_\_\_\_\_ : **ongoing instruction** – *teaching & learning*  
*“but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head-- Christ—”*
  - f. \_\_\_\_\_ : **full participation** – *every person serving*  
*“from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share,”*
    - Every part of the body, doing his/her share, glues us together
  - g. \_\_\_\_\_ : **impact** – *building up and increasing in size*  
*“causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.”*
    - God uses the body [us] to **grow** the body
    - God uses the body [us] us to **build** the body