

Ecclesiology 101: What IS the Church?

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JESUS SPEAKS OF THE FUTURE CHURCH

- Matthew 16:13-20 (18) – The CREATION of the Church**
 - The Church is *Future*
 - The Church is *Certain*
 - The Church will be *Undefeatable*
- Matthew 18:15-20 (17) – The RELATION of the Church**
 - Responsible* for each other
 - Accountable* to each other
- Matthew 28:18-20 – The MISSION of the Church**
 - Make *disciples* (x) all the nations
 - Includes* going, baptizing, and teaching all things Jesus has commanded.
- Acts 1:4-11 – The POWER of the Church**
 - The *Power* of the Church – The Holy *Spirit*
 - The *Purpose* of the Church – *Witnessing* of Jesus
 - The *Process* of the Church – Local to *Distant*
 - The *Place* of the Church – Here to the *End* of the Earth
 - The *Period* of the Church – Until the *Return* of Jesus (11)

JESUS BIRTHS THE CHURCH

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

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- What Is the Meaning of “Church?”** – ecclesia (ἐκκλησία)
 - ek* – “_____”
 - kaleo* – “to _____”
 - any* _____ *of people called together...*
- What Are the Three Levels of the Church?**
 - _____ *Group of* _____ *Believers of the Church Age*
Matt 16:18 And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.
Eph 1:22-23 And He put all *things* under His feet, and gave Him *to be* head over all *things* to the church, ²³ which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.
Col 1:18 And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence. (1:24)

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- **TERM #1:** The “_____” Church
- **TERM #2:** The “_____” of Christ

- _____ *the Believers Presently on the Earth*
Acts 5:11 So great fear came upon all the church and upon all who heard these things.
- Churches as** _____ **Groups of Believers**
Matt 18:17 And if he refuses to hear them, tell *it* to the church. But if he refuses even to hear the church, let him be to you like a heathen and a tax collector.
Acts 13:1 Now in the church that was at Antioch...
Acts 14:23 So when they had appointed elders in every church...
1 Thes 1:1 Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians... (cf 2 Thes 1:1)
Rev 2-3 – The Seven Churches of Asia Minor

3. _____ **Makes Up the Church?**

- _____
1 Cor. 1:2 To the church of God which is at Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called *to be* saints, with all who in every place call on the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both theirs and ours: (cf Acts 20:28; Eph 5:25)
 - _____ **Pentecost & the Rapture (Universal)**
1 Thes 4:14-17 ¹⁶ For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷ Then we who are alive *and* remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord.
 - Assembled in a** _____ **Group (Local)**
Phil 1:1 Paul and Timothy, bondservants of Jesus Christ, To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi, with the bishops¹ and deacons:
- What Is the Church’s** _____ **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,

_____ **Distinct Groups Continue to Exist:**

- _____
- _____ **(Gentiles)**
- _____