

Ecclesiology 101: What Does the Church Do?

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) all the nations
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**
 - a. The Spirit came as Jesus *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

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)*
 - TERM #1: The “Universal” Church
 - TERM #2: The “Body” of Christ
 - 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... (1 Cor 1:2)*
 - b. *Between Pentecost & the Rapture (Universal) (1 Thes 4:14-17)*
 - c. *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,
Three Distinct Groups Continue to Exist: *Jews – Greeks (Gentiles) – Church*

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Matt 28:18-20 And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. ¹⁹ “Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ “teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, *even* to the end of the age.” Amen.

The Responsibility of the Church: What Does an _____ Do?

1. _____ **the Good News of Salvation to Unbelievers**
2 Cor 5:20-21 Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore *you* on Christ’s behalf, be reconciled to God. ²¹ For He made Him who knew no sin *to be* sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.
2. _____ **those that _____ the Good News of Salvation**
Acts 8:12 But when they believed Philip as he preached the things concerning the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, both men and women were baptized.
3. _____ **those that Believe to _____ What Jesus Taught**
Titus 2:11-14 For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, ¹² teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age, ¹³ looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, ¹⁴ who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself *His* own special people, zealous for good works.

The Identity of the Disciple: What Does a _____ Do?

1. **Be _____ by the _____ of God**
John 8:30-32 As He spoke these words, many believed in Him. ³¹ Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, “If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. ³² “And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”
2. **Be _____ the _____ of God**
John 15:8 By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.
3. **Be _____ the _____ of God**
John 13:34-35 “A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. ³⁵ “By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.”
4. **Be _____ for the _____ of God**
1 John 3:2-3 Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. ³ And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.
5. **Be _____ the _____ of God**
Matt 5:16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.
6. **Be _____ the _____ of God**
Col 3:1-5 ⁵ Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry.