
What is the Church?
4-part series on the church

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People

“church” = gathering/assembly – “called out ones”

Universal church

“Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the **church** and gave himself up for her”
Ephesians 5:25

Local church

“The **churches** of Asia send you greetings. Aquila and Priscilla, together with **the church in their house**” 1 Corinthians 16:9

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Gospel People

“He said to them, ‘But who do you say that I am?’ Simon Peter replied, ‘You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.’ And Jesus answered him, ‘Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. And I tell you, you are **Peter**, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.’” Matthew 16:16-18

What is the Church?

A Community of Gospel People

- a) Family
Rom 1:7; 2 Cor 6:18; Mt 12:49-50
- b) Bride
Eph 5:32; Rev 21
- c) Body
1 Cor 12:12-17
- d) Temple
Eph 2:21-22
- e) Holy Priesthood
1 Peter 2:5-6,9

A Community of Gospel People on Mission

“But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people: once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.”

1 Peter 2:9-10