

The Book
God's Good Message for Mankind
Session # 5 – The Church

Review:

- The Bible is a book about a P_____ with a P_____ for His C_____ which fell into a C_____
- Week #1 – C_____
- Week #2 – C_____
- Week #3 – C_____
- Week #4 – C_____

Week #5: The _____

What the Church is not:

- Church is not _____!
- Church is not _____!
- Church is not a _____!
- Church is not a _____!
- Church is not _____!

What the Church is:

- _____ of Christ – Colossians 1:18
- _____ of God – 1 Timothy 3:15

Who is the Body of Christ? Born-again _____ in Jesus Christ.

- All believers are a part of the _____ church and should connect with a _____ church.

Three implications for all members in the universal Church:

1. O _____ - We belong to Christ – Matthew 16:18; 1 Corinthians 6-19-20, Colossians 1:18
 - a. _____ will Jesus build His Church? Future tense – “I will”
 - b. Who is the _____ of the church? Christ – “MY Church”
 - i. How should we treat what God owns?
 1. 1 Corinthians 8:11
 2. 1 Corinthians 6:19-20 – We exist to bring glory to Christ.
2. O _____ - We are under the Lordship of Christ - Ephesians 1:22-23, Ephesians 5
 - a. Ephesians 1:22-23 – Christ is the _____ and the church is the _____.
 - b. Ephesians 5 – Marriage is to picture the relationship between Christ and the church.
 - c. The church is subject to Christ – Ephesians 5:24

- i. Subject – hupo/tasso: “to arrange yourself in orderly manner under”
 1. D_____ to know Christ’s teaching.
 2. D_____ to follow Christ’s teaching.
 3. D_____ obedience to Christ’s teaching.
3. O_____ – We are supposed to be part of a local church that teaches God’s Word.
 - a. The Christian life is more than just believing, it is _____.
 - b. Local churches have biblical leadership, they meet regularly, they observe the ordinances, and practice church discipline.
 - c. Most of the books in the rest of the New Testament are written to local churches or to pastors of local churches.

Conclusion: Next week we will see how you can become a member of a local church and what the mission of the church is all about.

Discussion Questions:

1. What is the difference between the universal church and local churches?
2. What qualities should you look for in a local church?
3. What is the purpose of the church?
4. How should we treat those in the body of Christ?