

DOCTRINE

A SIX WEEK SERIES

{THE CHURCH}

HOW DID THE CHURCH BEGIN?

“The Spirit of the LORD is upon Me, Because He has anointed Me To preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives And recovery of sight to the blind, To set at liberty those who are oppressed; To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD.” ISAIAH 61:1-2

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I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that You should keep them from the evil one. 16 They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.

17 Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth. 18 As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world.

JOHN 17:15-18

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And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers.

ACTS 2:42

WHAT IS THE CHURCH?

Merriam-Webster Dictionary defines
"Church" as "a building for public
and especially Christian worship"

WHAT IS THE CHURCH?

Ecclesia - "To call out"

- **Indicates a local group of Christians**
1 Cor 1:2; 1 Thess 1:1; Rev 1:11
- **Refers to all Christians**
Matt 16:18; Eph 1:22-23; 3:10,
21; 5:23, 25, 27, 29, 32; Col 1:18;
Heb 12:23

UNIVERSAL CHURCH

All believers and only believers belong;
this is the same as the body of Christ

For by one Spirit we were all
baptized into one body

1 Corinthians 12:13

LOCAL CHURCH

A group of believers in this time meeting
in various cities and in various locations.

Rom 16:5; 1 Cor 16:19 1 Cor
1:2; 1 Thess 1:1; Acts 9:31

THE CHURCH BELONGS TO JESUS

- **Jesus build the church**

Matt 16:18 I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.

- **Jesus is the head of the church**

Ephesians 1:22 And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church, which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.

THE CHURCH BELONGS TO JESUS

- **Jesus is the Chief Shepherd**
1 Peter 5:4 and when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that does not fade away.
- **Jesus is present with the church**
Matthew 28:20 I am with you always, even to the end of the age.

THE CHURCH BELONGS TO JESUS

- Jesus is the one who plants churches

Hebrews 3:1 Therefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our confession, Christ Jesus,

- Jesus shuts down churches

Revelation 2:6 Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent and do the first works, or else I will come to you quickly and remove your lampstand from its place—unless you repent.

THE MARKS OF THE CHURCH

- Regenerated church members
- Qualified leadership
- Gather for teaching and worship
- Practice ordinances of the church
- Unified by the Spirit
- Disciplined for Holiness
- Obeying the commandment to love
- Obeying the great commission.

THE GREAT COMMISSION

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.

MATTHEW 28:19

ORDINANCE

An ordinance is a physical act prescribed by Christ to illustrate a spiritual reality

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- **WATER BAPTISM**

Matthew 28:19 go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

- **Communion**

Luke 22:19 - "Do this in remembrance of Me."

1 Cor 11:26 For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes.

LEADERS

- **ELDERS**

1 Timothy 3:1-7; Titus 1:6-9; Ephesians 4:11

- Shepherd and care for the flock
- Be an example to the flock
- Teach the Word / Talk about Jesus
- Guard against false doctrine
- Administrate the church

LEADERS

- **DEACONS**

Ephesians 6:21; 1 Corinthians 3:5; Acts 6:1-6; 1 Timothy 3:8-13

There is only the general indication that deacons serve to meet physical needs to free up other spiritual leaders to focus on prayer and the ministry of the Word (Acts 6:4).

Stephen is noted for his faith and his preaching (Acts 6:5; 6:8-7:60)

CHRIST WILL RETURN FOR HIS CHURCH

John 14:1-4 "Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also. And where I go you know, and the way you know."

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THE CHURCH IS TO ANTICIPATE THE RETURN OF JESUS

Luke 12:35-37 "Let your waist be girded and your lamps burning; and you yourselves be like men who wait for their master, when he will return from the wedding, that when he comes and knocks they may open to him immediately. Blessed are those servants whom the master, when he comes, will find watching. Assuredly, I say to you that he will gird himself and have them sit down to eat, and will come and serve them.

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