

The Church - Part 1: Origins



Selected Scriptures

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- ‘Ecclesiology’ = what the Bible teaches us about the _____

[Acts 20:28]

- *Why is the church so important? Why is the church so precious in God’s eyes? Why is the church so worthy of our commitment, love and devotion?*
- Because _____ purchased the church, with His own _____

[Ephesians 5:22-32]

- 1) Christ is the _____ of His church (v23) – He has _____ over it
 - 2) Christ is the _____ of His Church (v23) – He has given His _____ for it
 - 3) Christ SACRIFICIALLY _____ His church (v25) – He has an _____ love for it
 - 4) Christ is the _____ of His church (v25) – He has promised to _____ it
 - 5) Christ NOURISHES & _____ His church (v29) – He takes tender _____ of it
- The church is Christ’s PRIMARY _____ in the world _____

How do we define the church?

- The church is not a building, but a _____

[Romans 16:5]

- ‘church’ | *ekklēsia* (Gk) = “called out” or “called _____”

[Hebrews 10:23-25]

- **'assembling' | episyngōgē (Gk) = "an assembly", "a complete collection", or "a gathering _____ in one place".**
- **We can see the importance of, and the essentiality of, the ____ - _____ of the local church.**
- **The church is the _____ of Christ**

[Ephesians 1:22-23]

- **The church is a _____**

[Galatians 6:10]

[Ephesians 2:19]

The church is often defined in 2 main ways:

- 1) **The _____ church**

[1 Corinthians 12:13]

- 2) **The _____ church**

Also...

- 1) **The _____ church (those who profess Christ on earth)**
- 2) **The _____ church (those in heaven and earth in the church age)**

- 1) **The church _____ (the church alive in heaven)**
- 2) **The church _____ (the church alive on earth)**

The origins of the church:

- ***God has revealed to us, through His Word, His plan of redemption from Genesis to Revelation.***
- ***This redemptive plan is all centred around the Person and work of Jesus Christ.***

[Hebrews 10:7]

- ***God's plan of redemption is that through the atoning work of His Son, Jesus Christ, who is both fully God and fully man, He would save all those whom He has predestined to salvation, from before the foundation of the world, granting them forgiveness, and eternal life through Him.***

[Ephesians 3:7-11]

- **The church plays a significant role in God's plan of redemption, fulfilling a distinct purpose for a specific period of time, known as the church age.**
- **This period extends from The Day of Pentecost until The Rapture of the Church.**

[Romans 11:24-26]

- **We are currently in that period of time known as the church age, which although distinct, is connected to the covenant promises made to both Abraham and David.**

[Luke 1:31-33]

[Galatians 3:5-9]

[Galatians 3:29]

When Did the Church Begin?

- **God's Plan for the Church _____ (ordained before time)**

[John 6:37-38]

[John 17:3-5]

[Acts 4:27-28]

[Romans 8:28-30]

[1 Corinthians 2:6-8]

[Ephesians 1:3-14]

- **God's Plan for the Church _____ (proclaimed by Christ)**

[Matthew 16:13-19]

- **God's Plan for the Church _____ (on the Day of Pentecost)**

[Acts 2:1-4, 40-42]

- **God's Plan for the Church _____ (the book of Acts)**

[Acts 2:46-47]

[Acts 5:42]

[Acts 6:7]

[Acts 9:1-6]

[Acts 9:15]

[Acts 10:44-45]

[Acts 13:2-3]

[Ephesians 2:19-22]

[Ephesians 4:7-16]

[1 Timothy 3:1-13]

[Acts 28:30-31]

[Matthew 16:18b]

- _____ can stop God's plan for the church!

[Revelation 22:3-5]