

The Church - Part 4: Distinctiveness

Selected Scriptures – SERMON OUTLINE

Community Bible Church – 3 October 2021 - Kris Baines [VIA ZOOM]



5 Primary Ways in Which the Church is Distinctive

1. The church is distinctive because it is a spiritual _____ that cannot be _____

[1 Corinthians 12:13] [2 Chronicles 20:5-6] [Hebrews 12:28-29]

[Revelation 11:15] [Colossians 1:12-14] [1 Thessalonians 2:12]

- **The church is the only kingdom on this earth that is _____ in nature**
- **The church is the only kingdom on this earth that will _____ beyond this earth's existence**
- **The church is the only kingdom on this earth that is _____ all other kingdoms, with Christ as it's King**

2. The church is distinctive because it is the _____ and _____ of _____ in this world

[1 Timothy 3:15b] [Ephesians 4:14-16] [1 Thessalonians 2:13] [2 Timothy 2:15]

[John 14:6] [Ephesians 1:13] [2 Timothy 4:1-4] [2 Timothy 2:25] [2 Thessalonians 2:10]

- **The church is the only source of _____ in this world**
- **The church has a God-given duty to _____ truth to this world**
- **The church is to be a _____ - _____ of truth from the lies and false ideologies of this world**

3. The church is distinctive because it is under the _____ and _____ of Jesus Christ _____

[Matthew 28:18] [John 19:10-11] [Mark 12:17] [Ephesians 1:22-23] [Colossians 1:18]

[Acts 20:28] [Ephesians 4:11-12] [Titus 1:5] [Acts 4:19-20] [Acts 5:29]

- **The church is ultimately _____ to Christ, and under His authority alone**
- **The church does submit to earthly authorities, _____ for when they forbid what God commands, or command what God forbids**
- **The church is practically governed by under-_____ (elders), who lead the church in accordance with God's plans and purposes**

4. The church is distinctive because its _____ is to call people from eternal _____ to eternal _____

[Ephesians 3:8-12] [Matthew 7:13-14] [Matthew 19:27-30]

[John 3:16] [Romans 6:23] [1 John 5:12] [Revelation 20:12-15] [Matthew 28:18-20]

- **The church has been called to ___ and proclaim the gospel to all people at all times**
- **The church has been called to a mission that prioritises the _____, over the body**
- **The church has been called to make an _____ difference in people's lives**

5. The church is distinctive because it is the _____ manifestation of _____ in this _____

[Romans 12:1-2] [2 Corinthians 2:14-17] [Ephesians 2:19-22] [1 Corinthians 3:16-17]

[1 Corinthians 6:19-20] [Colossians 1:27]

- **The church is made up of God's people, in whom Christ _____**
- **The church is the visible _____ of Christ in this world**
- **The church is greatest display of God's _____ to this world**