

What Is The Church?!
“What Do We Mean When We Say Church?”
Selected Scriptures

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“What do we mean when we say Church?”

- The New Testament church began at PENTECOST in ACTS 2.
- The word “church” comes from the Greek word EKKLESIA which is defined as “an ASSEMBLY” or “CALLED-OUT ONES.”

Romans 16:5a -

Ephesians 1:22-23 -

- The church, therefore, is the PEOPLE who make up the body of Christ.
- And the body of Christ is comprised of two aspects:
 - 1) The UNIVERSAL (big “C”) Church.
 - 2) The LOCAL (little “c”) church.

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“So what was God’s plan when He created the Church?”

We get a look at what the early church looked like in

Acts 2:42-47. According to these verses, God's plan was that His Church:

- 1) Be devoted to BIBICAL TRUTH. (Matt 4:4; John 1:1-5; Heb 4:12; James 1:21-22; 2 Tim 3:16-17)

- 2) Be a COMMUNITY and have regular FELLOWSHIP. (Rom 12:10; 1 Thess 5:11; Heb 10:24-25; 1 Peter 3:8)

- 3) Be dedicated to breaking bread TOGETHER. (Acts 2:42, 46; 20:7; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26)

- 4) Be committed to PRAYER. (Rom 12:12; Phil 4:6-7; James 5:14-16; 1 John 5:14-15)

The “CHURCH” is you and I; the PEOPLE who put their faith in Christ and try daily to walk faithful with Him.

So if you are sitting around, waiting for the church to play a song you like, meet a need you have, speak a sermon you prefer or start a ministry you want...perhaps your focus is in the wrong place.

The church is YOU, so what is YOUR role in it?!