



# Organized Religion?

*“...to all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in  
Philippi, with the bishops and deacons”  
Philippians 1:1*

# I. What is the Church?

## A. Defining '*Ekklesia*'

- Not a Building
- A Gathering/Assembly
- Context Determines Type  
(Acts 19:41)



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A. Defining '*Ekklesia*'

B. "THE" Church

- One Assembly (Eph. 4:4-6)
- All Christians (He. 12:22-23)
- No Divisions



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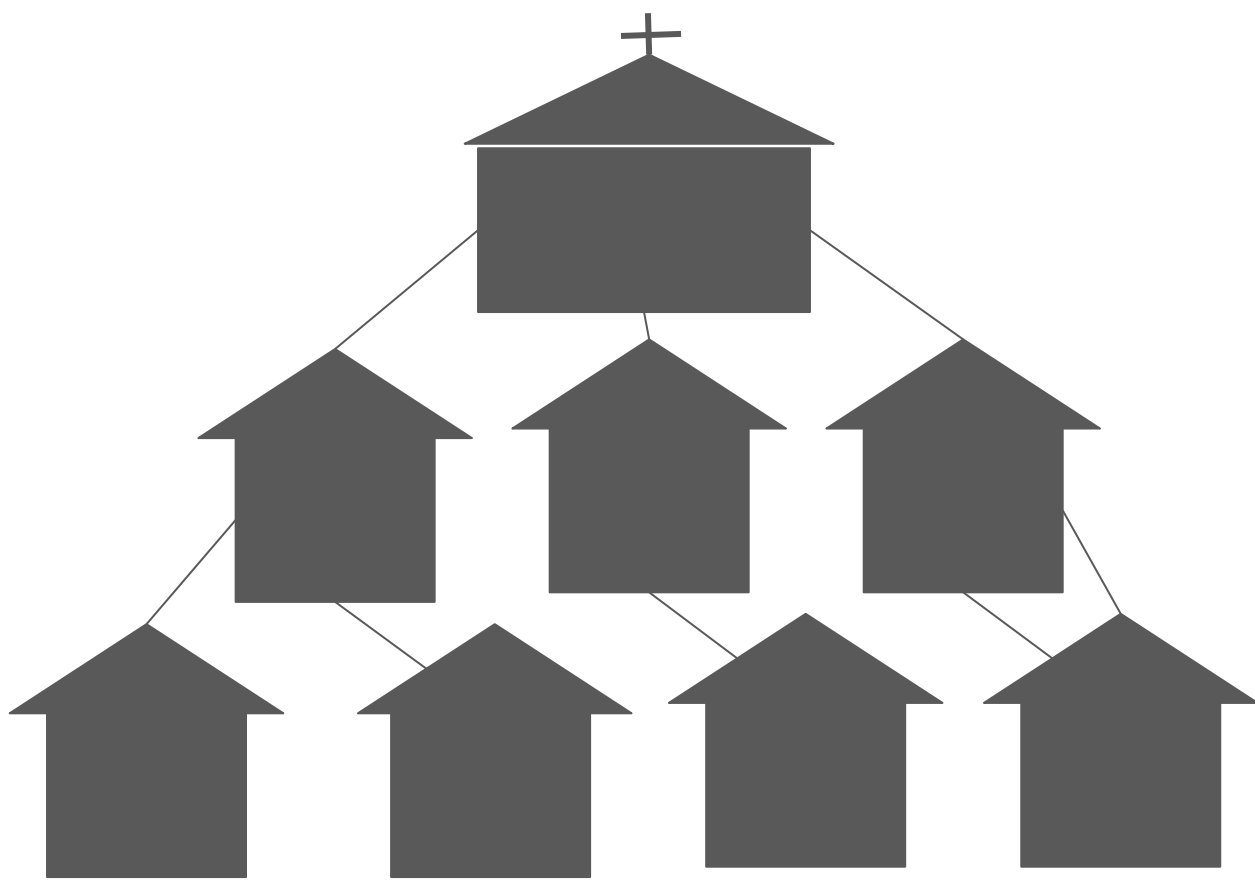
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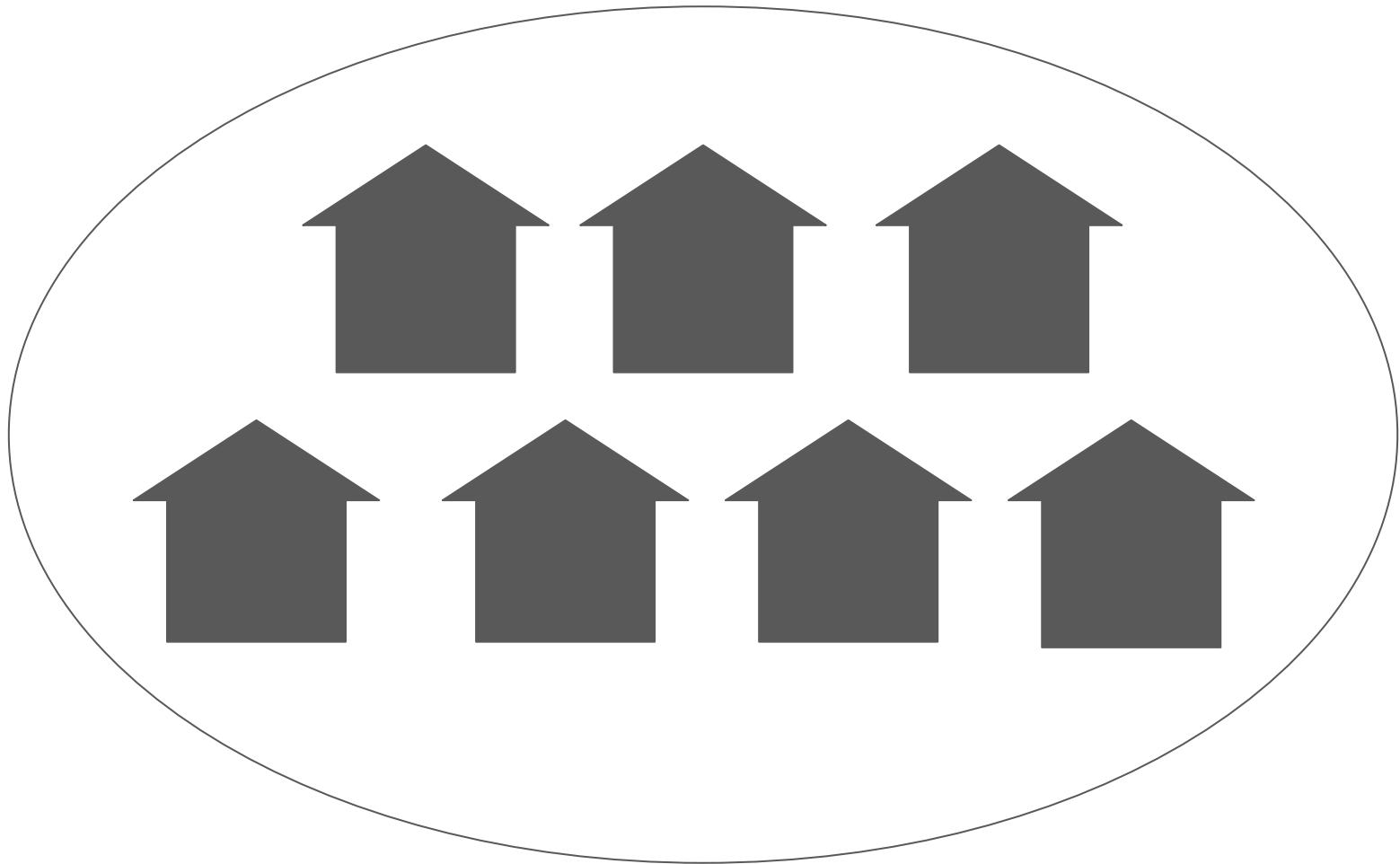
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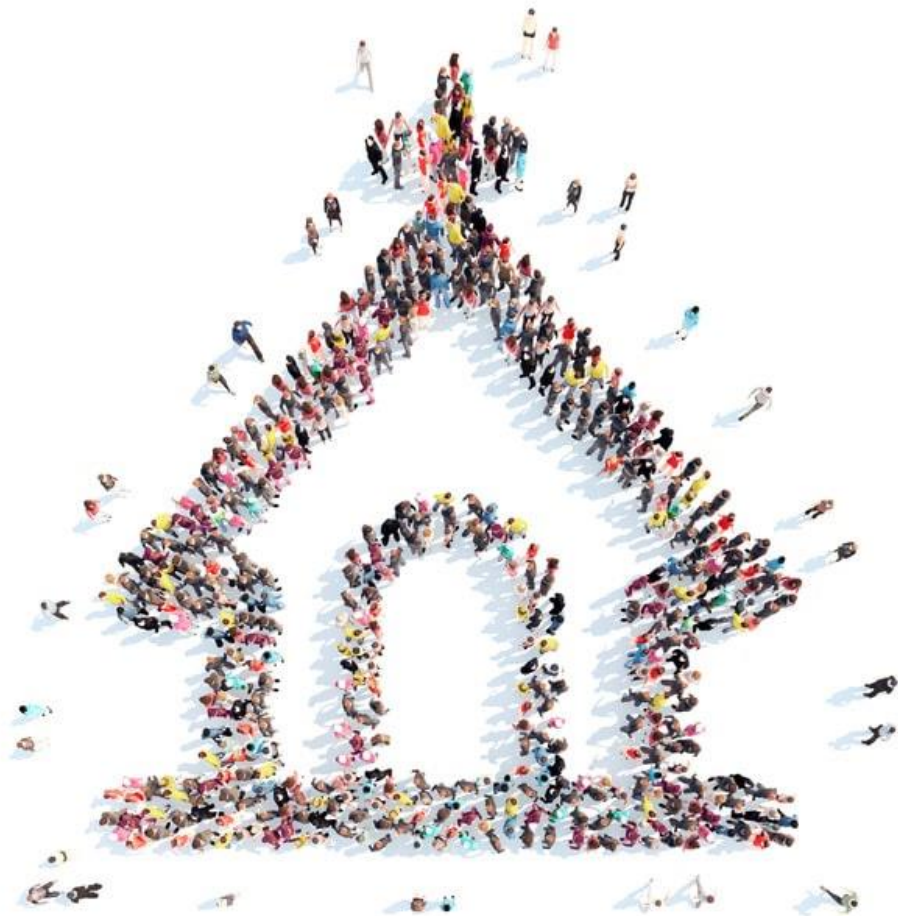
C. Organization of The Church

- Its Head (Eph. 1:22-23)
- Its Foundation (Eph. 2:19-22)









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A. Defining '*Ekklesia*'

B. "THE" Church

C. Organization of The Church

D. Identifying the Church

- Depart from Iniquity (II Tim. 2:19)
- Not the Same as Local (Rev. 3:1, 4)





# II. Local Churches

## A. Christians Must Participate

- Compare Universal/Local  
(Ac. 2:40-47; 9:18, 26)
- Fulfill Responsibility
  - Lord's Supper  
(Ac. 20:8; I Cor. 10:16-17;  
11:18-20, 26, 29)
  - Singing (Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16)



# II. Local Churches

A. Christians Must Participate

B. Organization of Local Churches

- Roles and Work (Eph. 4:11-16)
- Example (Php. 1:1)
  - Elders (Ti. 1:5-9)
  - Deacons (I Ti. 3:8-13)



# II. Local Churches

A. Christians Must Participate

B. Organization of Local Churches

C. Elders and Autonomy

- Outside Influences (Ti. 1:10-11)
- “Among You” (I Pe. 5:2-3)
- Commended to God  
(Ac. 14:23; 20:32)



# III. No Other Organizations

## A. Missionary Society?

- Biblical Pattern:
  - Local Church (I Th. 1:6-8)
- Consequence:
  - Taking Away Responsibility!



# III. No Other Organizations



A. Missionary Society?

B. Benevolence Society?

- Biblical Pattern:
  - Local Church (Ac. 4:34-35; I Cor. 16:1-4; I Tim. 5:3-16)
- Consequence:
  - Taking Away Responsibility!
  - Corruption

# III. No Other Organizations



- A. Missionary Society?
- B. Benevolence Society?
- C. Seminary/School of Preaching?
  - Biblical Pattern:
    - Follow a Paul  
(Titus, Timothy cf. II Ti. 2:2)
  - Consequence:
    - Dangerous Influence



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