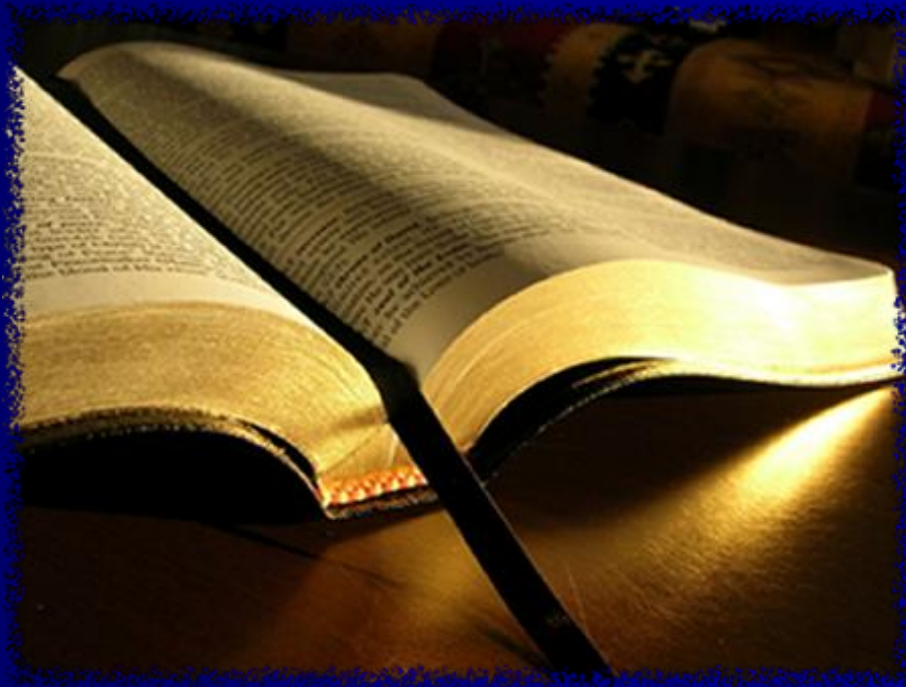


The Gospel Of The Church



“I will build My church”

Matthew 16:18



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The Church Defined...

1. Ekklesia ~ A gathering, an assembly *Ac 19:32,39,41*
2. Church universal ~ the entire assembly of all who are saved *Ep 1:22-23; He 12:22-23*
3. Church local ~ a company of Christians in one area working together *Ro 16:16; 1Co 1:2*
4. Church meeting ~ an assembly of Christians gathered for worship *1Co 14:19,28,35*

The church is the people of God!



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The Church Described...

1. Christ head over all things to the church Ep 1:22
2. The church is His body Ep 1:23; Col 1:18
3. It is the temple of God Ep 2:19-22; 1Co 3:16-17
4. It is part of God's eternal plan Ep 3:10-11
5. Christ is its Savior, loves & nourishes it Ep 5:23,25-27

The church is precious to Christ!



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The Church Defiled...

1. The apostasy foretold **Mt 13:24-30,36-43**
2. The apostasy described **1Ti 4:1-3; 2Pe 2:1-3**
3. The apostasy began in the 1st century **Jude 3-4**
4. It occurred just as described **Ac 20:29-30**
5. It began gradually, increased rapidly

Today there are over 38,000 denominations!



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The Church Today...

1. It has never ceased to exist **Mt 16:18; He 12:22-29**
2. Abides in the apostles' doctrine **Ac 2:42; 1Co 4:17**
3. Proclaims the pure gospel **Mk 16:15-16; Ga 1:6-9**
4. Honors Jesus' prayer for unity **Jn 17:20-23; 1Co 1:10-13**
5. Discards traditions/doctrines of men **Mt 15:3-9; 2Jn 9**

The gates of Hades shall not prevail!



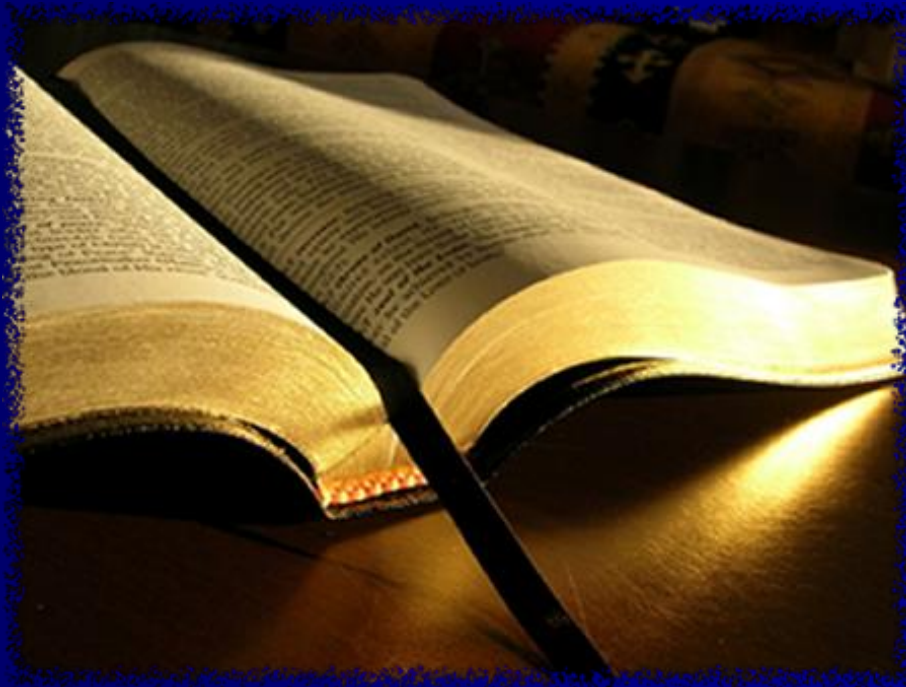
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The Church And You...

1. Obey the pure gospel of Christ **Ac 2:38-41**
2. The Lord will add you to His church **Ac 2:47**
3. Become a disciple of Jesus Christ **Mt 28:18-20**
4. Locate a local church of Christ **Ac 2:42; 20:7; He 10:25**
5. Be simply a Christian, honor Christ! **Ac 11:26; 1Pe 4:16**

You can be just a Christian!

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“The churches of Christ greet you.”

Romans 16:16