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- What does the word *church* mean? The Greek word translated “church” (*ekklēsia*) simply means “assembly.” It does not mean “building.”
- How does the New Testament use the word *church*? It uses it in secular and religious senses.
 - Secular Assemblies – Acts 19:32, 39, 41; cf. 7:38
 - Religious Assemblies – Matthew 16:18; Ephesians 1:22–23; 4:4; Acts 2:47 (“Universal Church”) & Romans 16:16; Acts 14:23; 1 Peter 5:2 (“Local Churches”)
- What is the (New Testament) church? It is a singular, spiritual group of saved and sanctified people. Are you part of the one church of Christ?



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