

# WHAT THE **BIBLE** TEACHES ABOUT THE **CHURCH**

**Church** means called out    The church is the called out body of people ruled by Christ.

## PICTURESQUE FIGURES OF THE CHURCH

**Flock of God** Acts 20:28; 1 Peter 5:2  
**House of God** 1 Timothy 3:15; 1 Peter 2:5,6  
**Household of Faith** Galatians 6:10  
**Body of Christ** Ephesians 1:22,23  
**Kingdom of God** Acts 8:12

## THE BEGINNING OF THE CHURCH

**Predicted in the Old Testament:**  
Dan. 2:44-45; Is. 2:1-4; Amos 9:11,12; 2 Sam. 7:12,13.  
**Predicted During the Time of Christ:**  
Matthew 3:2; 4:17; 10:7; 16:18,19  
**Accomplished:**  
Jerusalem in A.D. 30 and recorded in Acts 2.  
**Spoken of as in existence.**  
Acts 5:11; 8:1, 3

## IT IS DIVINE

**In ownership:** Acts 20:28; 1 Corinthians 6:19,20  
**In foundation:** 1 Corinthians 3:11; Ephesians 2:20,21  
**In establishment:** Matthew 16:18  
**Its builder:** Matthew 16:18; Acts 20:28

## IT IS UNIQUE

**Christ has but one church:** Ephesians 1:22; 2:16  
John 10:16

## THE NATURE OF THE CHURCH

**The pattern is laid out in Scripture.** Hebrews 8:5  
**IT IS MULTI-CULTURAL AND INTERNATIONAL**  
**It was so prophesied:** Isaiah 2:2; Psalm 67:2  
**It was multi-cultural soon after being established:**  
Ephesians 3:6; Acts 11:20

## IT IS HOLY

**Originated by a Holy God.** 1 Peter 1:15,16  
**Every member s goal is to be holy.** 1 Peter 1:14-16

## IT WILL BE TRIUMPHANT

**Christ will triumph over all:** 1 Corinthians 15:24-26  
**His church will triumph at the end:** 2 Timothy 4:7,8

## THE WORDING USED IN SCRIPTURE

## INDIVIDUALS

**Christians:** Acts 11:26; 1 Peter 4:16  
**Disciples:** Acts 11:29  
**Saints:** Acts 26:10  
**Sons of God:** Romans 8:14  
**Brethren:** Romans 12:1

## CONGREGATIONS

**Churches of Christ:** Romans 16:16  
**Churches of God:** 1 Corinthians 11:16

## UNIVERSALLY

**Church of the firstborn:** Hebrews 12:23  
**Church of God:** 1 Corinthians 15:9

## THE MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH

**Believers:** Acts 2:44  
**Penitent (in a state of repentance):** Acts 2:38  
**Baptized (immersed in water):** Acts 2:38; 8:38

## TO WORSHIP GOD

**Prayer:** Acts 2:42; Philippians 4:6  
**Singing:** Acts 16:25; Ephesians 5:19  
**The Lord s Supper:** 1 Corinthians 10:16

## TO DEVELOP ITS MEMBERS

**Teaching:** Ephesians 4:11,12; Hebrews 5:12  
**Supervised by elders:** Acts 20:26; Hebrews 13:17  
**Removing members in extreme cases:** 2 Th. 3:6,14,15  
**Provide for its needy:** Acts 4:34,35; 6:1

## THE TASK OF THE CHURCH

## TO EVANGELIZE THE WORLD

**Commanded by the Lord:** Mark 16:15,16  
**Prayed for guidance:** Colossians 4:2-4  
**Carried out by the early church:** Colossians 1:23  
**Financed by tithes and offerings.** 1 Corinthians 9:1-14

## GOD IS ACTIVE IN HIS CHURCH

**The Spirit raised Jesus from the grave:** Romans 8:11;  
1 Corinthians 6:14; 2 Corinthians 4:14  
**The Spirit inspired the Apostles:** John 16:13; Acts 20:23;  
1 Timothy 4:1

**The Spirit inspired the Prophets:** Acts 11:27,28

**The Spirit enabled the writers to recall:** John 14:26;  
Acts 11:16

**The Scripture is the word of the Spirit:**

1 Corinthians 2:12-13; Ephesians 4:17; Hebrews 4:12

**Miracles were performed by the Spirit:**

Romans 15:19; Hebrews 2:4

**Timing of encounters are under the control of the  
Spirit:** Acts 8:29; 10:17

**The Spirit provides the strength for all believers to  
succeed:** Ephesians 3:14-19; Philippians 4:13

**CHRIST IS THE HEAD:** Matthew 28:18; Ephesians 1:22

**His word through Apostles and Prophets governs:**  
Hebrews 2:3,4.

## LOCAL LEADERS

**Evangelists:** Acts 21:8; Ephesians 4:11

**Elders:** Acts 11:30

**Must meet personal qualifications:** Titus 1:5-9

**Oversee their congregations:** Titus 1:7

**Teach their congregations:** Titus 1:9

**Protect their congregations:** Acts 20:28

**Deacons:** 1 Timothy 3:8-13

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# SHE IS NOW AT WORK LOOKING FOR THE RETURN OF HER LORD

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