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The Church in the Bible

***What was it like . . .
Does it Exist Today***



A SERIES OF HELPFUL QUESTIONS
THAT WILL RAPIDLY INCREASE
YOUR KNOWLEDGE OF
THE NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH

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their sins (Revelation. 1:5) and others refused and were bound in their sins. **58.** Peter says “this IS that” and quotes Joel who says these miracles are to take place in the “last days”. **59.** The Mountain (in prophecy, a kingdom) of Jehovah’s house shall be established. **60.** Verse 30 — David’s. He is now King of his Kingdom. **61.** Christ. **62.** “repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name” (Luke) “Repent and be baptized.. in the name of Jesus Christ.. unto the remission of your sins. (Acts) **63.** “Unto Him shall the nations seek”-- “to all that are AFAR OFF.” **64.** No. “I will build...” **65.** Yes **66.** On Pentecost as recorded in Acts 2. **67.** It is evident from the fulfillment of Daniel 2:44 and from plain statements like Colossians 1:13 and Revelation 1:6 that the church is the Kingdom of God and here at this present time.

THE NATURE OF THE CHURCH: **68.** The blood (hence life) of Christ. Acts 20:28. **69.** Christ **70.** The blood of Christ. **71.** No. **72.** 1 Corinthians.3:11 **73.** Matt. 16:18 **74.** One **75.** One **76.** The church **77.** One **78.** One **79.** “That they all maybe one...that the world may believe.” **80.** No. “Speak the same things” . . . “no divisions among you” . . . “Same mind and same judgment.” DIVISION IS A MARK OF CARNALITY. **81.** Comes from Latin “De” meaning “separate” plus “nomen”, to “name”. Hence to separate and name. A division or sect, **82.** “Factions, divisions, parties” (ASV) or “strife, seditions, heresies” (KJV) **83.** They were the same body meeting in different localities , divided only geographically. **84.** All the nations, **85.** The cross of Christ. **86.** Morally excellent, Set apart for the service of God. **87.** Because God set it up. **88.** No.

WORDING USED OF THE CHURCH: **89.** Yes **90.** A new Name **91.** Yes **92.** Yes **93.** Christian **94.** Churches of Christ. **95.** Churches of God. **96.** No

THE MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH: **97.** To be in a state of repentance. **98.** Yes. **99.** Godly sorrow for sins, **100.** Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; Gal. 3:27; Pet. 3:21-22; Acts 19:5. **101.** Only immersion is Bible baptism. **102.** Repentance and Belief, **103.** Baptized, vs. **33** **104.** The thief lived and died before Jesus’ will (The New Testament) went into effect. **105.** By Baptism **106.** Heaven **107.** The Book of Life. **108.** The Lord added them **109.** “Hold fast the form (pattern) of sound words...”

THE TASK OF THE CHURCH: **110.** Usually adoration, praise. “The act or feeling of adoration or homage as in prayer, praise, etc.” **111.** All seven. **112.** To produce Faith **113.** To exhort each other. **114.** Yes **115.** “On the first day of the week.” **116.** Remembering Christ. **117.** Certainly the result would be worse. **118.** We are to examine ourselves. **119.** The body of Christ and the UNITY of believers. **120.** The blood of Christ. **121.** Yes **122.** Yes **123.** Yes **124.** PSALLO: To play on a stringed

THE CHURCH IN THE BIBLE

The Bible is the only Book that tells us the answers to the most important questions of life, yet few people understand enough about this marvelous book to carry on an intelligent conversation about its contents.

This series of questions has been designed to aid the user to quickly understand God’s plan for each one of us. If you will devote a few minutes each day to the questions, in just one week new and wonderfully usable information will be yours on the *CHURCH IN THE BIBLE*.

NEEDED MATERIALS:

1. A good Bible, a Teacher’s edition is best. However, any Bible that is readable will do. The answers are based on the New American Standard Bible.
2. A good dictionary is helpful. A college edition is good or any copy that shows the origin of the various words. A Winston College edition was used in the preparation of these studies.
3. On some questions only the chapter reference is included. This will require reading the chapter in order to answer the question.

Some of these questions are easy to answer. Some are more difficult. Several may require that you consult a history book or encyclopedia, available at the public library. Be sure you understand WHY you answer each question as you do from the Scriptures.

- 165 According to Hebrews 13:17, what is to be the church's attitude toward the eldership? _____
166. Show in Titus 1:5-7 that the elder and bishop mean the same thing. _____
167. According to 1 Timothy 5:17-18, can the elder be paid? _____
168. According to 1 Timothy 5:19-20, how is a sinning elder dealt with?

169. Does 1 Timothy 5:22 point out that the evangelist sins when he appoints unqualified elders? _____
170. What is the work of the deacon according to Acts 6:1-6? (Note these men must have been deacons or we have no example of their work revealed !)

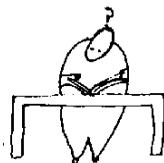
171. Who were the permanent leaders of the church as revealed by carefully considering Philippians 1:1? Compare Galatians 1:1 and 2 Timothy 4:5.

172. Would the revealed plan exclude substitute leaders of human origin? _____
173. Are missionary societies, evangelistic associations, and Sunday school organizations, to be under the oversight of the permanent church leaders? _____
- 174 What is the final hope of the church according to Titus 2:13 ?

175. Will God's church finally triumph? Revelation 21:1-5 _____
176. In 2 Thessalonians 2:9-12, do you see the REASON God would send these people a "working of error"? (Especially the last part of vs. 10.)

- 177 Has your knowledge and love of God's Word been deepened by these questions? _____

Bishop
Elder



THE PICTURESQUE FIGURES:

A figure of speech is pictorial or poetic language. While these are not names for the church, each shows by picture a distinctive facet of the church's relationship to God.

7. How do we know from Acts 20:28 that it is the church that is called the *flock* of God? _____
8. Where is judgment to begin? 1 Peter 4:17. _____
9. What is the church called in 1 Corinthians 3:16?
"t _____"
10. What did Paul call the church when giving behavioral instructions? 1 Timothy 3:15 "H _____"
11. How are we to behave in the church assembly according to 1 Corinthians 14:40?

12. Using the figure of a building, what is Christ to the structure?
1 Peter 2:6, 7 _____ Ephesians 2:20 _____
Notice a slightly different figure in 1 Corinthians 3:11. The apostles and prophets are in the foundation as they completed the revealing of Christ. (Ephesians 3:5).
13. What relationship do Christians bear to the structure?
1 Peter 2:5 "I _____ s _____"
14. Who places them in the structure (church) according to Acts 2:47?
Compare 1 Corinthians 12:18. _____
15. Who are the priests in this temple of God? 1 Peter 2:5, 9 _____
16. How does the presence of God dwell in His house?
Ephesians 2:22 _____ 1 Corinthians 3:16 _____
17. What does Galatians 6:10 show that Christians are like?



141. In what way is this message to be financed? Compare Numbers 18:21 with 1 Corinthians 9:13-14. _____

GOD IS ACTIVE IN HIS CHURCH:

142. What power raised Jesus from the grave? _____
143. What power enabled the Apostles to remember Jesus' teachings years later? _____
144. How was the Spirit active with Philip in Acts 8:24,28 _____
145. Where can we get strength for success in Christian living? Ephesians 3:16-17. _____

THE ORGANIZATION OF THE CHURCH:

146. Where does Jesus have all authority according to Matt. 28:18? _____
147. 2 Thessalonians 2:3-4 shows that someone will attempt to usurp the authority of Christ religiously. What will he call himself? (Compare Vicar of Christ on Earth, Pope, "papa". Matt. 23:9) _____
148. If Christ has all authority, where then is the *headquarters* of the church of Christ? Acts 7:56; Romans 8:34. _____
149. Is the government of the church theocratic or democratic? (*Theos*, God; *demos*, people; *krateo*, rule.) _____
150. What is the governing law of the church today? See John 16:13 which was spoken to the apostles. Also Ephesians 3:5 and question 12 _____



28. What was the next great empire that could be the part of silver? See Daniel 5:28-31. _____



29. What was the third great empire that could be the part of brass? (Philip of Macedon and Alexander the Great ruled it.) _____



See Daniel 10:20

30. What kingdom could have been the inferior fourth kingdom? Acts 22:28-29; 23:11,27; 25:16; 26:32; 28:16,19. _____



31. In the days of what kingdom did God set up His kingdom? Daniel 2:44 _____

32. How large will God's kingdom grow? Daniel 2:35 _____

33. How long will God's kingdom stand? Daniel 2:44 _____

34. What is a mountain in prophetic language? Carefully compare Daniel 2:35 with Daniel 2:44. _____

35. Where does Isaiah 2:3 say that God's Word will go forth from the second time? _____

36. How many nationalities will receive this new law? Isaiah 2:2. _____

37. According to Jeremiah 31:33, where will God's new covenant be written? _____

Why is this passage quoted in Hebrews 8:10-12? (The answer is in verse 13.) _____

39. Could we then still be under the first covenant? _____



116. What are we doing as we partake of the Lord's Supper?

I Corinthians 11:25 r _____ C _____



117. I Corinthians 11:29-30 shows that the Corinthians were spiritually sick and asleep from improperly taking the Lord's Supper. What if we miss it entirely?

118. Who is to examine us before we partake of the Lord's Supper?

I Corinthians 11:28 _____



119. Of what is the loaf representative? I Corinthians 10:16-17.
(There are two, the second requires some thought.)

120. Of what is the cup representative? I Corinthians 10:16 _____

121. Do Scriptures in the New Testament command us to sing? _____
Ephesians 5:19 and Colossians 3:16

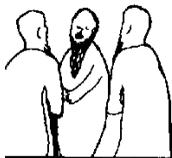
122. Is singing an act of worship? _____

123. Can God be worshiped (praise is worship) with a musical instrument? Psalms 150:3-5. _____



124. Give the original meaning of the word *psalms* as contained in Ephesians 5:19. (See a dictionary that gives the derivation of the words.) _____

125. According to I Peter 5:1-2, who is to have the oversight of the church? _____



126. According to Galatians 6:1, when someone sins, who is to restore him? _____

53. Who was gathered together in the next verse? (Note - Chapter and verse limitations were not added for reading ease until after the 10th century.)

54. How does Acts 2:1 fulfill Mark 9:1? (Mark 8:34 shows who was addressed in Mark 9:1) _____

55. How does Acts 2:2-4 fulfill Acts 1:8? _____

56. Why does Acts 2:5 fulfill Luke 24:47? _____

57. What relationship is there between Matthew 16:19 and Acts 2:14?

58. How do we know from Acts 2:15-17 that the events of that day were in the *last days*? (Note that Peter was quoting from an Old Testament prophet.)

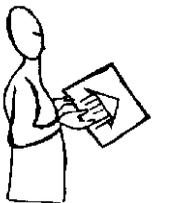
59. What does Isaiah 2:2 say will take place in the *latter days* or *last days*?

60. According to Acts 2:29-35, upon whose throne is Christ reigning? (Compare Luke 1:32,33) _____

61. Who is the King of God's kingdom as prophesied in Daniel 2:44 according to Acts 2:32-33? _____

62. What part of Luke 24:47 is fulfilled in Acts 2:38? _____

63. How is Isaiah 11:10 fulfilled in Acts 2:39? (Jesse was David's father.)



64. Was the church in existence in Matthew 16:18? _____

65. Was the church in existence in Acts 5:11? _____

66. When was the church established? _____

67. Do you now see that God's kingdom is on earth today? _____

93. What, then, is the new name Isaiah promised? Acts 11:26 _____

Can you wear it? _____

94. What were the individual congregations called in Romans 16:16? _____

95. What were the individual congregations called in 1 Corinthians 2:2? _____

96. Can you find in the Bible where the church was called the disciples' church, or the brethren church, or the Christian Science church, or the Nazarene church, or the Baptist church? _____



THE MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH:

97. What does *penitent* (on our chart) mean? _____

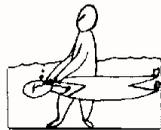
98. Is such an ongoing condition required of us by God? Acts 2:38; 3:19; Luke 13:3. _____

99. According to 2 Corinthians 7:10, what produces repentance? _____

100. Point out five verses that show that baptism is necessary before one can be saved. Mark 16:____; Acts 2:____; Galatians 3:____; 1 Peter 3:____; Acts 19:____

101. According to Romans 6:4, is baptism a sprinkling, a pouring or immersion of the candidate? _____

Compare Acts 8:38-39.



102. According to Acts 2:38 and Mark 16:16, what precedes baptism on the part of the candidate? b_____ and r_____

103. Was the jailor of Acts 16:33-34 saved by faith alone or was he also baptized? _____

82. Is anything similar to this listed in the "works of the flesh" in Galatians 5:19-21? _____

83. In light of the fact that there is but one body, how could Jesus address the *seven churches of Asia* in Revelation 1:11? _____

Note the dual meaning of "churches." _____

84. How many nations will the church evangelize according to the command of Matt. 28:19-20? _____



85. According to Ephesians 2:11-18, what destroyed the age old enmity between Jew and Gentile, making the church multicultural? verse 16 _____



86. What does *holy* mean? _____

87. How do we know from Daniel 2:44 that the church is holy. (The answer is there!) _____

88. Should a church tolerate willful sin? Ephesians 5:27 _____

THE WORDING USED OF THE CHURCH:

89. Are the words of the Bible inspired by God according to 1 Corinthians 2:13? _____

90. What kind of a name did Isaiah prophesy in Isaiah 62:2? _____

91. Were the terms *disciples*, *saints*, *brethren* and *sons of God* found in the Old Testament? Isaiah 8:16; Genesis 6:2; Psalms 31:23; 133:1. _____

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