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The Church

Many people, after looking at the conflicting teaching existing today in the context of the church, have understandably, but erroneously, concluded that the church is no longer relevant or necessary. Knowing little of what the Bible says on the subject, they decide that they really don't need to be a part of any church. "I can accept Jesus, but I don't want to be a church member," is an often repeated statement. While it is certainly true that the situation can be confusing, God's Word will do much to clear away the misunderstanding. This lesson will help you see some of God's plan for Christian people regarding His church. (Numbers in parentheses are page numbers for the NEW AMERICAN STANDARD NEW TESTAMENT, Paperback edition, published by the International Bible Society.)

- 1. Is the church a building or a group of people?** Acts 8:1(6); Acts 9:31 (138)
- 2. To whom does the church belong and who is building it?** Matthew 16:16-18 (19)
- 3. Who is the only head of the church?** Matthew 28:18 (36); Ephesians 1:20-22 (208); Colossians 1:18 (217)
- 4. What were the members of the church in the New Testament called?** Acts 11:26 (142)
- 5. What relationship does the church have to the truth?** 1 Timothy 3:15 (226)

6. What sort of doctrines (teachings) are to be taught in the church?

2 John 9 (260)

7. Is it right or wrong for the church to be divided? 1 Corinthians 1:10-13

(180)

8. What was the church in the Bible called? Romans 16:16 (179); 1 Corinthians

1:2 (180); Acts 9:31 (138); Hebrews 12:23 (244); 1 Corinthians 12:27 (189)

9. How important was the church to Jesus and how important should it be to us, His followers? Acts 20:28 (153)

10. What relationship has the church to Jesus? Ephesians 1:22-23 (208)

11. What relationship do Christians have to this body? 1 Corinthians 12:27

(189)

12. Following this figure of the body, can a Christian survive apart from the church? (Give your own answer.)

13. When is a person added to the church? Acts 2:47 (129)