



What Is  
Church?

# “Ekklesia”

= “called”

out of “out of”

“who has you darkness  
into His marvelous light” (1 Pet 2:9c )



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**Ephesians 1:22-23**- Jesus is "head over all things to **the church**, which is His body."

**Ephesians 5:23**- "**Christ is head of the church**; and He is the Savior of the body."

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## 1 Corinthians 1

1 Paul, called *to be* an apostle of Jesus Christ through the will of God, and Sosthenes *our* brother, <sup>2</sup> **To the church of God which is at Corinth**, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called *to be* saints, with all who in every place call on the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both theirs and ours:

# Confusion Over “Church”

1. Ridiculed
2. Minimized
3. Misunderstood

# Who Did Jesus Entrust With His Mission?

1. The Apostles
2. His Church

# The Church

- Kingdom

**Col 1:13** – “For He rescued us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son”



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- Body

**Col 2:19-** not holding fast to the head, from whom the entire body, being supplied and held together by the joints and ligaments, grows with a growth which is from God.”



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- Household

1 Tim 3:15 – “but in case I am delayed, I write so that you will know how one ought to conduct himself in the household of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and support of the truth.”

Gal 4:4-5– “<sup>4</sup>But when the fullness of the time came, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the Law, <sup>5</sup>so that He might redeem those who were under the Law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.

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**Eph 2:19-22** – “So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints, and are of God’s household, having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the corner stone, in whom the whole building, being fitted together, is growing into a holy temple in the Lord, in whom you also are being built together into a dwelling of God in the Spirit.”



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- Vineyard

**John 15:1-5** – “I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit, He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit, He prunes it so that it may bear more fruit. You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you. Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself unless it abides in the vine, so neither can you unless you abide in Me. I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing.”



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**2 Cor 11:2** – “For I am jealous for you with a godly jealousy; for I betrothed you to one husband, so that to Christ I might present you as a pure virgin.”

**Rev 19:7-8** – “Let us rejoice and be glad and give the glory to Him, for the marriage of the Lamb has come and His bride has made herself ready.” It was given to her to clothe herself in fine linen, bright and clean; for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints.”

