

The Church – A Biblical Definition

I. Biblical Occurrences

1. How many times does the word church appear in the New Testament? _____
2. Does the number of occurrences of a particular word within the scriptures indicate the importance of the subject? _____
3. Through repetition, the scriptures R _____ D us of spiritual truths. (2 Pet. 1:12)

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4. Jesus said, "I will build my _____." (Matthew 16:18)
 - a. The Greek word for church is "ekklēsia" meaning a gathering or assembly.
 - b. Therefore Jesus said, "I will build My _____ or My _____."
5. Those who are saved by obedience to the gospel are added to the church by the _____. (Acts 2:46–47)
6. The scriptures also describe the church in four ways:
(1) The B ___ D ___ (2) The B ___ D ___ (3) The F ___ L ___ (4) The K ___ D ___

III. The Church as the Body

7. _____ is the Head of the body which is the church. (Colossians 1:18)
8. 1 Corinthians 12:12–14 describes _____ body with many _____.
 - a. By one Spirit, all members are _____ into the one body.

IV. The Church as the Bride

9. Just as the husband is _____ of the wife, Christ is the _____ of the church. (Ephesians 5:22–23)
 - a. Christ is the S ___ V ___ R of the body (church).
 - b. If Christ is going to save the church, would that require me to be a member of the church to be saved? _____
10. Christ also _____ the church and gave Himself for her. (Ephesians 5:25)
11. Paul describes the church as the V ___ G ___ N of Christ, who has been engaged to ___ N ___ husband. (2 Corinthians 11:2)
12. In Revelation 21:2 & 9, John also describes the church as a _____.

V. The Church as the Family of God

13. Where can every spiritual blessing in heavenly places be found? (Ephesians 1:3) In _____

14. Ephesians 3:14–15 describes the church of the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ as a _____.
15. Who has the right to become a child of God? (John 1:12) The one who _____.
16. God has expressed His love toward us that we should be called the _____ of God!
(1 John 3:1–2)

VI. The Church as the Kingdom

17. After John, Jesus came preaching, “The time is fulfilled, and the _____ of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the _____.” (Mark 1:14–15)
18. Jesus said that some of the people with Him would not die before seeing the _____ of _____ come with power. (Mark 9:1)
19. Christians have been delivered from the power of D ___ K ___ SS and C ___ V ___ Y ___ D (transferred) into the kingdom of the Son of God’s love. (Colossians 1:13–14)
- a. Once in the kingdom, believers have _____ through the blood of Christ and the _____ of sins.

VII. Questions to Consider

20. If asked, can you give a biblical definition for the church? (1 Corinthians 12)
21. Where must we seek for answers concerning the church? (2 Timothy 3:16-17)
22. If I have not been baptized, has God added me to the church?
(1 Corinthians 12:12–14; Acts 2:47)
23. How important is church membership? (Ephesians 5:22–23)
24. What is my spiritual condition if I leave the church? (Hebrews 10:24-31)