

The Church

The First Mention. Matthew 16:18

The **church**=A called out assembly. Colossians 1:18

The church is **not**: Israel, Millennial believers, or buildings.

The New Man. “The Christ.” 1 Corinthians 12:12; Ephesians 2:15

The **Head**=Jesus Christ. Ephesians 1:22,23

The **Body**=All New Testament Christians.

Its **beginning**. The Day of Pentecost. Acts 1:5,8; 2:1; 11:15,16

Its **entrance**. By Holy Spirit baptism. John 3:3; 1 Corinthians 12:13

Its **development**. Rapid. Acts 2:41

Its **purpose**. To glorify God. 1 Corinthians 10:31

Its **code of conduct**. Grace principles. John 13-Revelation 13

Its **enablement**. Acts 1:8; Philippians 2:13; 4:13

Its **completion**. John 6:37, 44

Its **transformation**. Eph 5:25-32; 1 Corinthians 15:51-58

Its **evaluation**. 1 Corinthians 3:12-15; 2 Corinthians 5:10

Its **future**. John 14:3; 1 Thessalonians 4:17

The *Local Churches*

Its **membership**. True, baptized believers (+some tares, unbelievers)

Its **character**. (Like the body of Christ) 1 Corinthians 12:27

Its **leaders**: Pastor/teachers, deacons. 1 Timothy 3:1-13; Acts 6:1-6

Its **form of government**. Congregational. 1 Peter 2:5,9

Its **responsibilities**. (5 Ms)

Its **code of conduct**. John 13-Revelation 3

Its **ordinances**: Baptism, Lord’s supper. Matt. 28:19,20; 1 Cor. 11:23ff