

Confused about "Church"?

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What is church?

“The word “church” is a translation of the Greek word *ekklesia*, which is defined as “an assembly” or “called-out ones.” [HYPERLINK "https://www.gotquestions.net/"](https://www.gotquestions.net/) [.gotquestions.net/](https://www.gotquestions.net/)

What Jesus said about church? (not the building or the gathering)

Matthew 16:

18 Now I say to you that you are Peter (which means ‘rock’), [\[HYPERLINK "https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=matt+16&version=NLT"](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=matt+16&version=NLT) \l "fen-NLT-23667f" \o "See footnote f" f] and upon this rock I will build my church, and all the powers of hell [\[HYPERLINK "https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=matt+16&version=NLT"](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=matt+16&version=NLT) \l "fen-NLT-23667g" \o "See footnote g" g] will not conquer it. .”

It is permanent

It is a project of Jesus

It is a project in progress

It belongs to Jesus!

It is made up of people

It isn't going no where!

What did Jesus and his early followers say about the "church" (not the building or the gathering?)

They said we would suffer from outside sources

I John 3:13 So don't be surprised, dear brothers and sisters, [\[HYPERLINK "https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=I+John+3%3A13&version=NLT"](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=I+John+3%3A13&version=NLT) \l "fen-NLT-30553a" \o "See footnote a" a] if the world hates you.

They said we would suffer from "inside" sources

II Peter 2:1 But there were also false prophets in Israel, just as there will be false teachers among you.

Close:

Are we confused about "Church"?

