

The Acts of the Apostles

The Growth and Expansion of the Church in Jerusalem

Parenthesis: Why the Church? (2)

Christianity vs the Local Church

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- Believers are addressed as part of gathered communities of saints
- The execution of the “one another” exhortations
- The fact of Jesus’ resurrection
- The believer’s responsibility to submit to their elders
- The mission of the church

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 - keep watch keep awake, be awake; keep alert, be alert
 - give give, give back, sell, repay
- The command to attend church in person
 1. The Context of the Command: The Sacrifice of Christ
 2. The Basis of the Command: The Priesthood of Christ
 - confidence fearless, boldness
 - inaugurated go into effect, put into effect
 3. The Command: The Way of Christ
 - a. The Nature of These Exhortations
 - b. A Desire for Greater Intimacy with God
 - c. An Intent to Persevere in Our Faith
 - d. A Commitment to Draw out Jesus’ Life from Others within the Local Fellowship
 - 1) The Nature of the Duty
 - consider to direct one’s mind towards
 - stimulate
 - to stir to anger
 - to incite
 - 2) The Place of the Duty
 - forsaking
 - abandon
 - habit
 - custom, practice