

The Acts of the Apostles

The Growth and Expansion of the Church in Jerusalem

Parenthesis: Why the Church? (3)

The Missing Piece

Christian Experience and Christian Existence

- 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
- The command to attend church in person

1. The Church is Jesus’ Family
 - a. The Biblical Importance of Family
 - b. The Ascendency of the Spiritual Family
2. The Church is Jesus’ Flock
 - a. Shepherds and Flocks
 - b. The Spiritualization of Shepherding
 - c. Christ, the Shepherd of His Flock
3. The Church is Jesus’ Body
 - a. The Apostle Paul and the Body
 - b. The Implications of the Doctrine
4. The Church is Jesus’ Bride
 - a. The Spiritualization of Marriage
 - b. The Significance of the Bride