

ESSENTIAL MARKS OF THE CHURCH



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“catholic” = Greek “*katholikos*” – universal

“where Jesus Christ is, there is the universal church.”
-Ignatius of Antioch 112 A.D.



Ephesians 2:8-9

For by grace you have been saved through faith.
And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, 9
not a result of works, so that no one may boast.



“The Church is called catholic, first in respect to **place**; because it is spread over the whole world, and is not tied or restricted to any particular place[.] Secondly, in respect to [**people**], because the church is gathered from all classes of [people] of every nation. Thirdly, in respect of **time**, because it will endure throughout every period of the world.”
-Ursinus



1. The church is “catholic” regarding place.

John 4:23

But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him.

Acts 1:8

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.



2. The church is “catholic” regarding people.

Galatians 3:27-28

For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. 28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.



3. The church is “catholic” regarding time.

Galatians 3:29

And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.

Romans 4:3

For what does the Scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness.”

Genesis 15:6

And he believed the Lord, and he counted it to him as righteousness.



The enduring mission of the church-

Matthew 28:18-20

And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in[b] the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”





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