

# Ontology 101: What is the Church?

The Gospel of Matthew



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*A War of Words*

*Defining terms from this world*

*Defining the church – a feature of the new creation*



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(2) Universal Creation

(3) Royal Creation



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### **4. The Missional Nature of the Church (28:16–20)**

- (1) Established by Christ's Royal Authority – Dan. 7
- (2) Composed of Disciples from the Nations – Ps. 45
- (3) Baptized Community of Saints
- (4) Delight in the Word

