

THE SCRIPTURAL BASICS OF THE "CHURCH"

A. The SCRIPTURAL BASICS of the "CHURCH". (Matthew 16:13-18)

Let's do some Marching through Matthew.

The Basic Outline of Matthew



- What happened after the rejection of Jesus as the Messiah by the religious leaders of Israel at the blasphemy of the Holy Spirit? (Matthew 12:22-37)
1. The *meaning* of "church" is a _____.
What determines the nuance of "ekklesia" in each Scripture passage?
 2. The *Builder* of the Church is _____.
 - What does the word "build" denote?
 - Who are not the builders & why is this important to remember?
 - What does Satan promote?
 3. The *beginning* of the Church would be _____, beginning on the Day of Pentecost {John 14:20, 15:2, 17:20-25; Acts 1:4-8, 2:1-4, 5:11, 8:1-3, 11:22, 26, 12:1, 5: 1 Cor. 12:13; Rom. 16:17}. What false teachings do these biblical truths destroy? That the Church
 - a. Started with _____ – some in Covenant/ Reformed Theology teach this.
 - b. Started with _____ – most in Covenant/ Reformed Theology believe this.
 - c. Started with _____ – some Baptists embrace this.
 - d. Started during _____ – some Baptists & others teach this.

- e. Started after the conversion of _____ – Hyper-dispensationalists believe this.

When you consistently apply a normal, grammatical, historical contextual method of interpretation consistently applied to all the Scriptures so as to “rightly divide” them, what doctrinal position will you arrive at?

4. **The *owner* of the Church is _____.** Why is this important to always remember and acknowledge? Because the church does not belong to the pastor {s}, the board of elders or deacons, the big giver, the senior statesman, the founding family, or to the denomination. It belongs to Jesus Christ.
5. **The *foundation* of the Church is the _____.** (Ps. 18:2, 31; Acts 4:8-12; 1 Peter 2:4-8; Romans 9:30-33) What does this highlight for Satan and should for us?
6. **The *durability* of the Church is seen by _____.** How can Christ’s promise both encourage us and warn us?
7. **The *nature* of the church is that there is the _____ church which consists of saved Jews & Gentiles who have become united in the Body of Christ {Eph. 1:22-23, 2:14-16}. which finds visible expression in the _____ churches around the world consisting of believers in Christ.**

These local churches are to regularly assemble or gather locally {Rom. 16:5; Col. 4:15-16; Heb. 10:24-25} to hear the Gospel preached {Col. 1:28}, to learn the Word of God {Acts 2:42}, to worship God in spirit and in truth {John 4:23-24}, to fellowship one with another {Acts 2:42}, to become equipped for the work of ministry {Eph. 4:12}, and so forth and to then scatter to evangelize the lost in their spheres of influence to whom many of the New Testament Epistles were originally addressed.

- 1 Timothy 3:15
- How does this apply to you?
 - 1) It is indispensable that every believer in Christ understands that Jesus Christ is presently _____ so as to cooperate with His plan for today.
 - 2) It is imperative that every believer “rightly divides” the mystery truth given to the _____ and its _____ teaching in all 3 tenses / phases of salvation vs God’s past program for Israel under the OT Law or even Jesus Christ’s teaching about His coming future Kingdom as presented in the Gospels.