

Orientation Week 2

What is the Church?

Last week we asked the question: Why the Church?

Jesus Christ has _____ His Church, and that Jesus _____ His Church, His _____, and His _____.

We also concluded that:

Being an _____ part of the local Church is a fundamental duty of any _____ faithful of Christ.

What is the Church?

The Local Church:

The believers that _____ in a local _____.

All believers are called to be a faithful, participating _____ of the _____ church.

The Universal Church is:

All _____ since the beginning of the Church, at all _____ and in all _____.

1 Corinthians 12:13 (NKJV)

¹³ For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free—and have all been made to drink into one Spirit.

The Visible and the Invisible Church:

The Visible Church is the people gathering _____ in local congregations all over the world, both believers and _____ who claim to be part of the Church.

1 John 2:19 (NKJV)

¹⁹ They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us; but *they went out* that they might be made manifest, that none of them were of us.

The Invisible Church is:

The _____ and _____ spiritual Church. Those at all times and places, since the beginning of Jesus Christ's Church, who have been _____ and follow Christ.

What is the goal of the Church?

Matthew 28:18-20 (NKJV)

¹⁸ And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, *even* to the end of the age." Amen.

Acts 1:8 (NKJV)

⁸ But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

So we know what we are to do as disciples of Jesus: _____ disciples for Jesus, _____ them and them.

How does the Church accomplish the Goal?

1. Worship

The Church has corporately worshipped since the beginning.

Acts 2:46-47 (NKJV)

⁴⁶ So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart, ⁴⁷ praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.

We are also told to worship by:

a. Offering our _____ self to God.

Romans 12:1 (ISV)

I therefore urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercies, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices that are holy and pleasing to God, for this is the reasonable way for you to worship.

b. Giving.

Philippians 4:18 (ISV)

¹⁸ I have been paid in full and have more than enough. I am fully supplied, now that I have received from Epaphroditus what you sent—a fragrant aroma, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God.

c. Serving others

Hebrews 13:16 (ISV)

¹⁶ Do not neglect to do good and to be generous, for God is pleased with such sacrifices.

2. Fellowship:

This aspect of the Church emphasizes Unity, _____, Relationship, and _____.

Acts 2:42 (NKJV)

⁴² And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers.

Romans 15:5-6 (ISV)

Now may God, the source of endurance and encouragement, allow you to live in harmony with each other as you follow the Messiah^[a] Jesus, so that with one mind and one voice you might glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus, the Messiah.

John 17:20-23 (NKJV)

"I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word; that they all may be one, as You, Father, *are* in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me. And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one: I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me.

Oneness is a witness to the world that _____.

And that _____.

FELLOWSHIP MEANS THAT WE MUST:

_____ **One Another (Build Each Other Up) [Romans 14:19]**

_____ **One Another (Warn, Urge, Reprimand) [Romans 15:14]**

Not _____ One Another Over Issues of Conscience [Romans 14:3, 13]

_____ **One Another [Ephesians 5:2]**

_____ **One Another [Romans 15:7]**

3. Teaching

Acts 2:42 (NKJV)

⁴² And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers.

Acts 20:20 (NKJV)

²⁰ how I kept back nothing that was helpful, but proclaimed it to you, and taught you publicly and from house to house,

Teaching from the Scripture is _____ for a number of things:

2 Timothy 3:15-17 (NKJV)

¹⁵ and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

¹⁶ All Scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, ¹⁷ that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

The Church Teaches in Order to:

_____ the Church [Ephesians 4:12]
Keep the Church from _____ Doctrine [1 Timothy 1]
_____ God [1 John 4:6]
Grow up to be _____ Jesus Christ [Ephesians 4:14-16]

4. Evangelism—Locally and Internationally
This is part of the Great Commission, which we looked at earlier, and Jesus calls us to be
“_____...to the ends of the earth.”
5. Discipline

The Church exercises discipline of those in the Church for Unrepentant _____ and for Unrepentant _____:

Unrepentant Immorality—Those who engage in a _____ of sin and refuse to turn from it. [See Matthew 18:15-20 and 1 Corinthians 5]

Unrepentant False Teaching—Those who engage in false teaching and _____ to take proper instruction and _____ from teaching false doctrine. [See 1 Timothy 1; 2 Thessalonians 3:14; 2 John 10]

6. Ordinances

The Church partakes in the Ordinances of _____ and _____.

THE ORGANIZATION OF THE CHURCH:

The Church has two main types of gatherings: Corporate _____ and _____ and ministry House to House .

Acts 2:46-47 (NKJV) [See Above]

We see a plurality of _____ appointed in the Church to oversee and care for the Christ followers in the Church.

Elders and Deacons must be _____ to serve in these roles:

The Church is the _____ to Jesus Christ and His transforming power.