

**WHY DO WE
GET BAPTIZED?**













THE PURPOSE OF
MEMBERSHIP

Outline

1. The Biblical Purpose of the Church
2. The History of the Church
3. Modern Membership

The Biblical Purpose of the Church

1. Gathering of Believers

A. Spiritual Growth: *Ephesians 4:11-16*

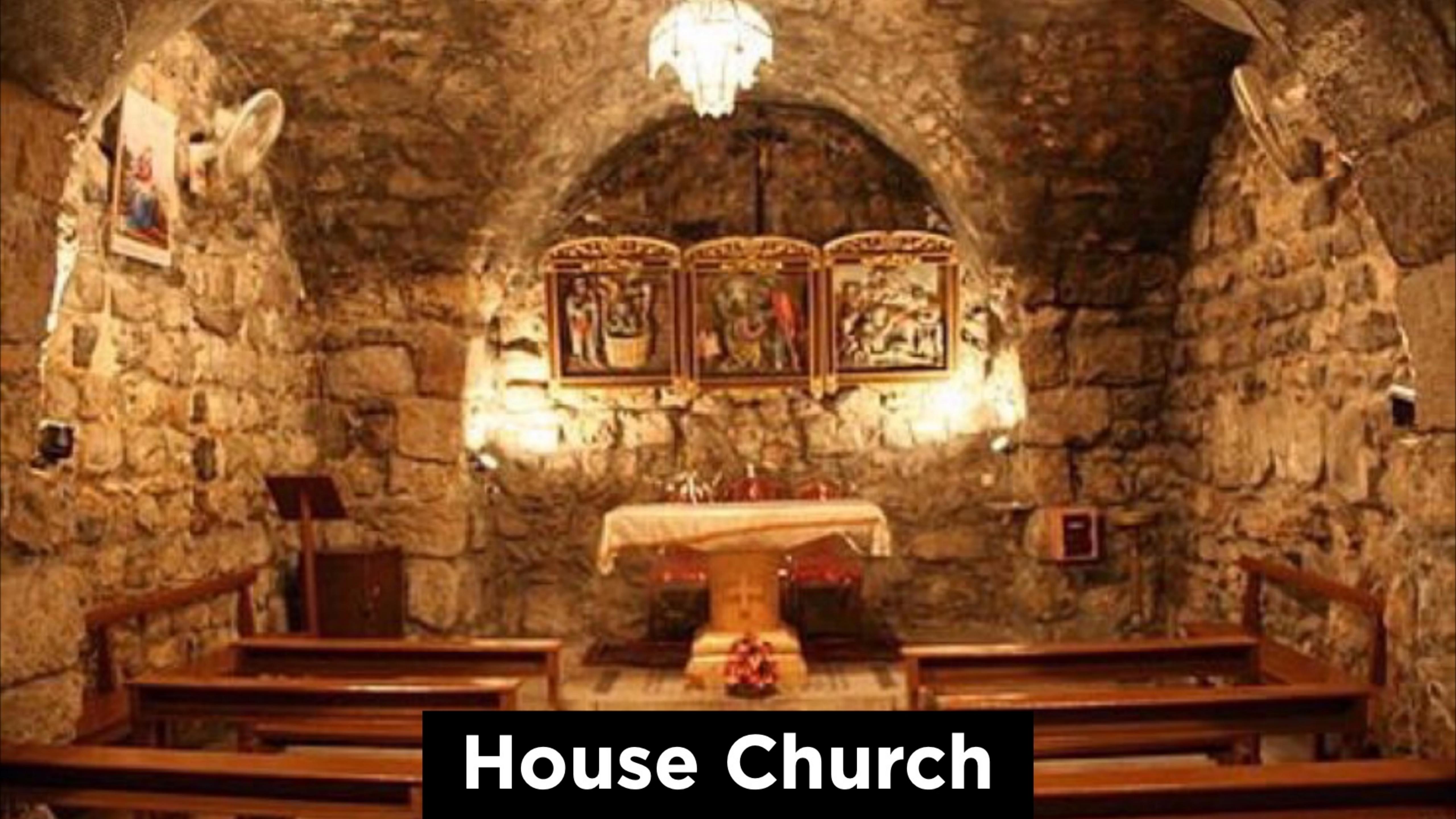
B. Fellowship: *Acts 2:42*

C. Security: *Hebrews 13:17*

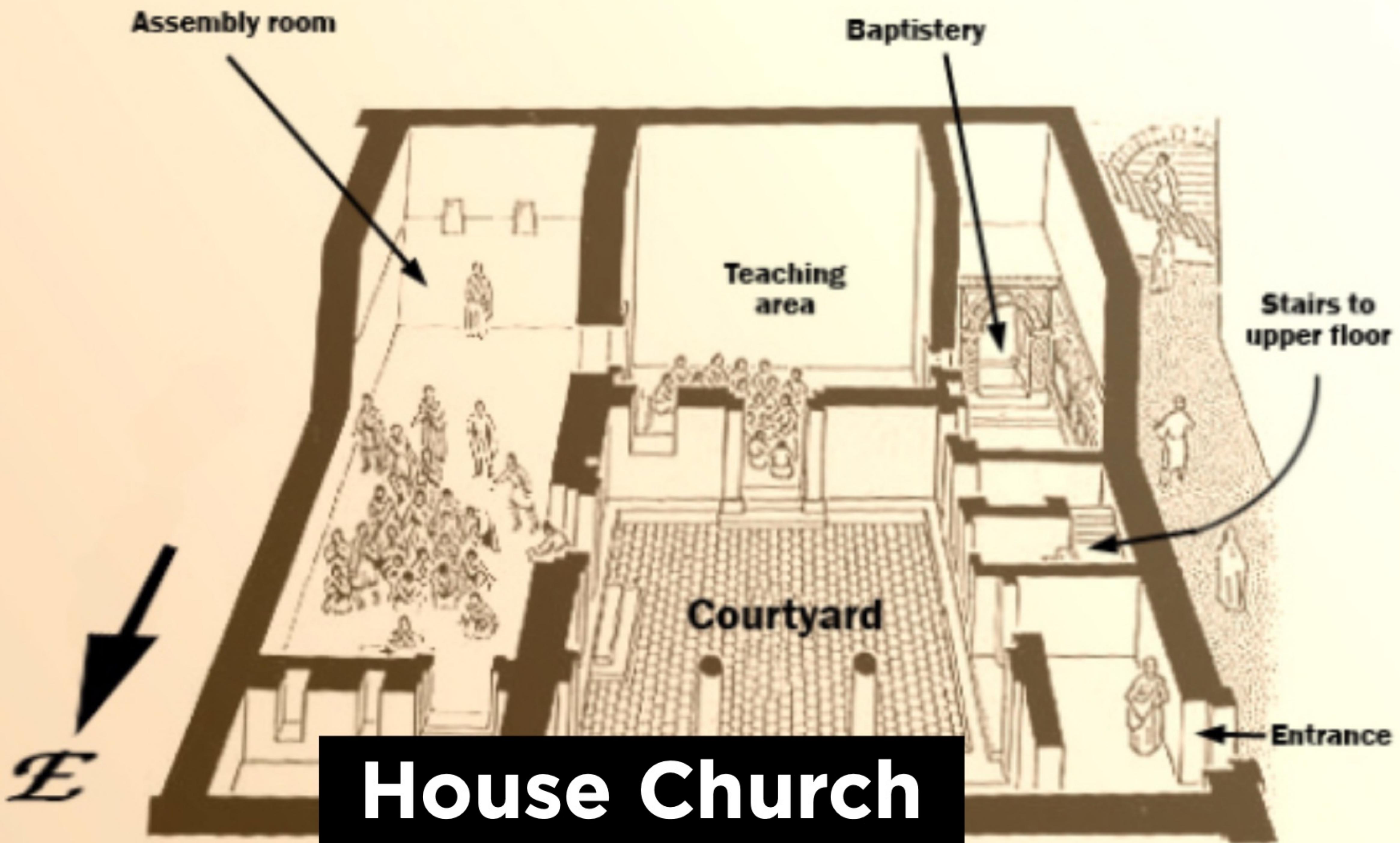
2. Evangelism

A. Service: *Matthew 25:35-40*

B. Community: *Isaiah 56:3-5*



House Church





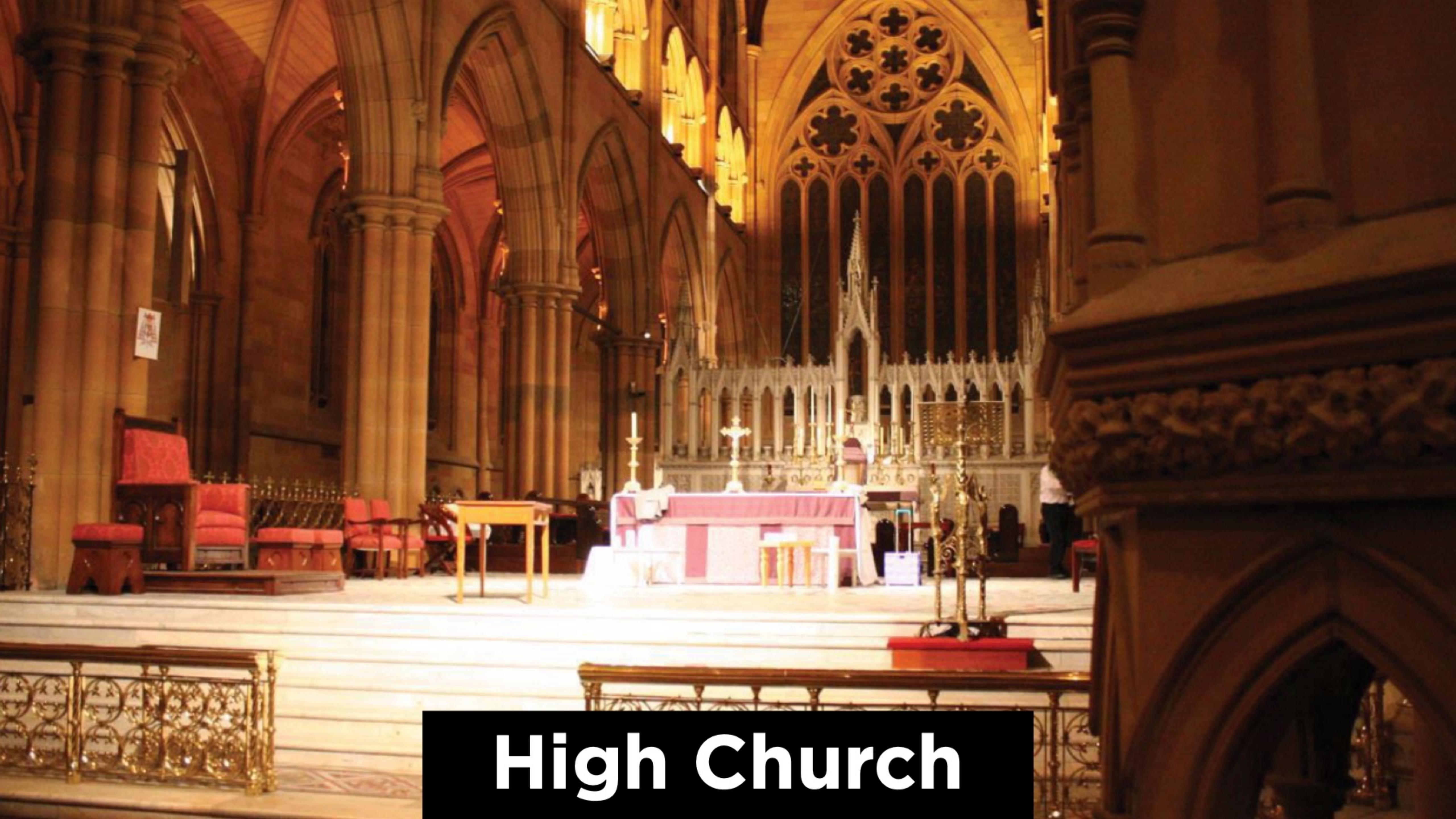
Early Church



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High Church



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The Reformation



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Modern Membership

- 1. Accountability:** Hebrews 13:17
- 2. Resources:** Acts 4:32-35
- 3. Doctrinal Stability:** 1 Timothy 3:15
- 4. Service:** 1 Corinthians 12:4-7