

Equipping the Saints for the Work of the Ministry

What is the Church?

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Part 1: Equipping the Saints

- What is the Church?
- What is the purpose of the Church?
- Baptism in the Name of the Triune God
- Proclaiming the Lord's Death
- What Should the Church be Doing?
- How is the Church to be Organized?
- Discipline in the Church

Part 2: The work of the ministry

- O Worship the Lord!
- Sing a New Song!
- The Grace of Giving
- Servants of Jesus Christ
- The Marks of a Disciple
- Am I My Brother's Keeper?

I will build My church

I. Christ Himself builds the church “I”

Christ, using the Holy Spirit, places us in the body (1 Cor. 12:13; Mark 1:8)

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II. The future certainty of the church “will”

The church could not exist before the “rock”

- **The future success of the church is certain
[Ephesians 5:25-27]**

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**III. The church is created and sustained by
Christ “build”**

Building of God (1 Cor. 3:9)

Spiritual House (1 Peter 2:5)

Branches of the Vine (John 15:1-5)

Christ gives gifts to His church (Eph. 4:7)

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IV. Christ owns the church “My”

Body of Christ (Eph. 1:22-23)

Bride (Rev. 19:7-8)

Shepherd of the sheep (Heb. 13:20)

We belong to Christ (1 Cor. 15:23)

“why are you persecuting Me?” (Acts 9:4)

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V. The church is the New Testament people of God “church”

Church = “belonging to the Lord” (1 Cor. 11:20)

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Ekklēsia

1. A group that meets together for various political, religious, and civic purposes (Acts 19:32)
2. The Local Church (1 Thess. 1:1)
3. The Universal Church (Acts 8:1-3)