



Word of God Ministry Church Under The Son

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The Church

The church is the community of redeemed people of which Jesus is the head (Colossians 1:18). When Jesus came to earth as the Messiah, He ushered in the “Christian” church. Beginning with Christ’s life, death, and resurrection, His people would be called “the church.” This does not refer to a building, but rather to all who have accepted Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. Christians usually attend church with a local congregation, but God’s complete church includes all believers worldwide. The church is also referred to as the “body of Christ” (1 Corinthians 12:27).

- What Is The Church

Colossians 1:18 ¹⁸ *And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence.*

God’s church is not limited to a specific, local group of Christians. It is also not limited to a specific building or structure. God’s church is composed of all Christians from everywhere in the world. Everyone who has accepted the salvation offered through faith in Jesus Christ, regardless of what denomination of Christianity they may belong to, is part of God’s church. The body of Christ is a living organism with Christ as the head, or ultimate leader.

- The Enemy Wants To Hinder The Church

Matthew 13:24-26 ²⁴ *Another parable He put forth to them, saying: “The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field; ²⁵ but while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat and went his way. ²⁶ But when the grain had sprouted and produced a crop, then the tares also appeared.*

Jesus warned us about the enemy who wants to invade the church and hinder its work. In As Christians, we must remember to pray for God’s protection over the church and its leaders. We can pray that the church will be a true representation of God’s love for the world. This is one of the best offensive weapons we have against Satan.

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- Mission Of The Church

Matthew 28:18-20 ¹⁸And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. ¹⁹Go 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, ²⁰teaching 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.

Jesus Christ spoke these words, commonly called the “Great Commission,” to His disciples – the men He called one by one to follow Him (Matthew 4:19). In it, He stressed the believer’s role in evangelism, discipleship, teaching, worship, and missions. This command also became a mandate for early social action since part of obeying Christ is to help those in need.

The early church believers met together in people’s homes to worship God, read the Scriptures, and pray. They cared for each other’s physical, emotional, and spiritual needs and encouraged spiritual growth. Acts 2:47 tells us that “the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.”

The church’s mission is evangelism and discipleship. We are to preach the good news of God’s salvation, and we are also to help Christians grow spiritually. Part of evangelism and discipleship is caring for the needs of those within our local churches, within our communities, and across the world.

- Spiritual Gifts For The Church

1 Corinthians 12:27-31 ²⁷Now you are the body of Christ, and members individually. ²⁸And God has appointed these in the church: first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, administrations, varieties of tongues. ²⁹Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Are all workers of miracles? ³⁰Do all have gifts of healings? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret? ³¹But earnestly desire the best gifts. And yet I show you a more excellent way.

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The apostle Paul uses this image to demonstrate that all members of the church have different functions and must work harmoniously together in order for the body to be healthy. Just as our physical bodies become ill when one part is not functioning as it was designed, the body of Christ also suffers in the same way. In a healthy church, all parts works smoothly under the direction of the Holy Spirit, utilizing His gifts and demonstrating His fruit.

- Destiny Of The Church

Ephesians 5:25-27 ²⁵*Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, ²⁶that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, ²⁷that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish.*

The destiny of the church is to become holy and perfect. We are to be fully committed to Christ in the same way a bride is committed to her husband on their wedding day. Our destiny as the church - made up of all people throughout history who accept Christ as Savior - is to stand with Jesus as His redeemed bride. He sacrificed His life in order to save us, and the benefits of this marriage relationship will last for eternity.

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