INTRODUCTORY BIBLE COURSE

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LESSON 17
The Christian Church

Read: Matthew 16:13-20; Acts 2:41-47; Colossians 1:18-24; 1 Corinthians 12:12-31

I. What the Church Is

We usually call the place where we gather to worship and where God's Word is proclaimed to us our church. However, the building in which we gather is not the Church. The Church is the family of true believers in whom Christ dwells with His Holy Spirit. The Christian Church derives its name from Christ who is the Head and King of His Church.

1. Q. What is the Christian Church?

   A. The Church is the society of true _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ , who are loved by God the Father, redeemed by God the Son, and regenerated by God the Holy Spirit.

2. Q. What is Christ's relationship to His Church?

   A. Christ is the only _ _ _ _ and _ _ _ _ of His Church.

3. Q. From where does Christ gather His Church?

   A. From the entire human race, wherever the _ _ _ _ of God is faithfully preached and sincerely believed.

4. Q. What are the three marks of the true Church?

   A. These three marks are:

   (a) The faithful _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ of the Word.

   (b) The proper administration of the sacraments.

   (c) The faithful exercise of Church discipline.

5. By what names are God's people called in:

   (a) Acts 20:28c in? _ _ _   _ _ _ _ _ _   _ _   _ _ _ ;

   (b) 1 Corinthians 3:9b? _ _ _ _ _   _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ ; _ _ _ _ _   _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ ;

   (c) 1 Corinthians 3:16a? _ _ _   _ _ _ _ _ _ _   _ _   _ _ _ ;

   (d) 1 Peter 5:2a? _ _ _   _ _ _ _ _   _ _   _ _ _ .

6. In Romans 8:28, which word is used in reference to God's people?

   (a) call

   (b) the called

   (c) calling

   (d) called

   Underline the correct answer.

II. The Church is One

1. "Ye are the _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _" (1 Corinthians 12:27a).
2. The Church consists of (1 Corinthians 12:12-14):

   (a) one body and one member;

   (b) one body and many members;

   (c) many bodies and many members.

   Underline the correct answer.

3. Are true believers in different denominations greatly divided? (Romans 12:5)

   (a) Yes

   (b) No

   Underline the correct answer.

4. Q. What do all believers have in common by which they are united?

   A. "One _ _ _ _ , one _ _ _ _ _ , one _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ , one _ _ _ and _ _ _ _ _ _ of all" (Ephesians 4:5, 6a).

   "Workers _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ with _ _ _ (2 Corinthians 6:1a)."

5. Q. What are we exhorted to do? (Hebrews 10:25)

   A. Not to forsake the _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ ourselves together, but to _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ .

III. The Church is Holy

1. Q. What did Moses write of God's people? (Deuteronomy 7:6a)

   A. "For thou art _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ the Lord _ _ _ _ _ _."

2. The Church is holy because its members are

   (a) without sin;

   (b) separated from the world;

   (c) consecrated unto God;

   (d) being constantly sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

   Read John 17:16, Romans 12:1, 2, Ephesians 5:26, 27. Underline the correct answers.

3. The word ‘catholic’ means ‘universal’.
4. Q. From where does Christ gather His Church? (Revelation 5:9c)

   A. Out of _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ , and _ _ _ _ _ _ , and _ _ _ _ _ _ , and _ _ _ _ _ _ .

IV. The Church is Christian

1. Q. By what name were the disciples called in Antioch? (Acts 11:26c)

   A. _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ .
2. They received this name from:

   (a) Christ.

   (b) the heathen.

   (c) Believers.

   Underline the correct answer.
3. Q. What place does Christ have in the Church?

   A. Christ is the _ _ _ _ of the Church.
4. The Church belongs to Christ because

   (a) Christ said, “I will build _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _” (Matthew 16:18).

   (b) Christ has _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ the Church with His own _ _ _ _ _ . (Acts 20:28c)

   (c) Christ said, “Ye have not _ _ _ _ _ _ me, but I have _ _ _ _ _ _ you” (John 15:16).

   (d) Christ daily _ _ _ _ _ to the Church such as should be saved. (Acts 2:47)
5. Q. What are the three things Christ does for His Church? (Isaiah 31:5)

   A. Christ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ , _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ , and _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ His Church.

V. The Church Visible and Invisible

1. Q. Where is the Church as a family located? (Ephesians 3:15)

   A. In _ _ _ _ _ _ and _ _ _ _ _ .
2. The visible Church consists of those who profess faith in Jesus Christ and are members of the local congregations.

   The invisible Church consists of those whose names are in _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ . (Philippians 4:3c)

3. Q. What is the function of the Church?

   A. The Church has a twofold function:

   (1) It is a renewed and sanctified society that maintains a state of separation from the world, meeting together for the worship of God, and walking according to God's will.

   (2) It is a missionary institute with a view to bring the Gospel to them who are without.

VI. The Requirements for Membership in the Church

1. What are the requirements of a living membership in the Christian Church?

   (a) R _ _ _ _ _ and be _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ . (Acts 2:38)

   (b) B _ . (Acts 16:31)

   (c) C _ _ _ _ _ _ C _ _ _ _ _ . (Matthew 10:32a)

   (d) To _', _ . (Acts 2:42)

2. Which four great blessings does Christ give to the living members of His Church?

   (a) They have _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ one with another. (1 John 1:7)

   (b) They have _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ through His _ _ _ _ _ , they have _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ of sins. (Ephesians 1:7)

   (c) They have the promise of the _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ . (John 6:44b)

   (d) They have the promise of _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ . (John 3:36a)

3. Q. What command did Christ give to His Church? (See Matthew 28:19 and Acts 1:8b)

   A. "Go ye therefore, and teach all _ _ _ _ _ _ _ , baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost."

   "Ye shall be _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ part of the _ _ _ _ _ ."

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