

The Christian Church

Read: Matthew 16:13-20; Acts 2:41-47; Colossians 1:18-24; 1 Corinthians 12:12-32

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:

- (1) The faithful _____ of the Word.
- (2) The proper administration of the sacraments.
- (3) The faithful exercise of Church discipline.

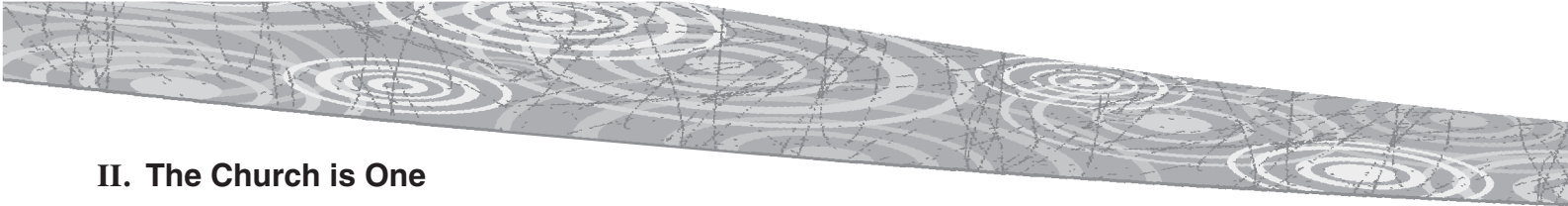
5. Q. By what names are God's people called in:

- (a) Acts 20:28c in? _____;
- (b) 1 Corinthians 3:9b? _____;
- (c) 1 Corinthians 3:16a? _____;
- (d) 1 Peter 5:2a? _____.

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

- A.** (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
 - (a) one body and one member;
 - (b) one body and many members;
 - (c) many bodies and many members (1 Corinthians 12:12-14).

Underline the correct answer.

3. **Q.** Are true believers in different denominations greatly divided?

- A.** (a) Yes
(b) No (Romans 12:5)

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. What are we exhorted to do? Not to forsake the _____ ourselves together, but to _____ (Hebrews 10:25).

III. The Church is Holy

1. **Q.** What did Moses write of God’s people?

- A.** “For thou art _____ the Lord _____” (Deuteronomy 7:6a).

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?

- A.** Out of _____ and _____, and _____ and _____ (Revelation 5:9c).



IV. The Church is Christian

1. **Q.** By what name were the disciples called in Antioch?

A. _____ (Acts 11:26c).

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?

A. Christ _____, _____, and _____ His Church (Isaiah 31:5).

V. The Church Visible and Invisible

1. **Q.** Where is the Church as a family located?

A. In _____ and _____ (Ephesians 3:15).

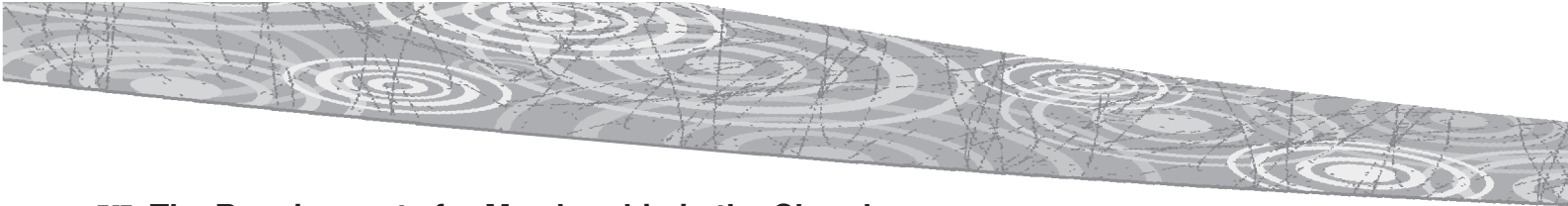
2. The visible Church consists of those who profess faith in Jesus Christ, and are members of the local congregations. The invisible Church consists of those whose names are in _____ (Philippians 4:3c).

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

A. (a) R _____ and be _____ (Acts 2:38).

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

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

(d) To _____ ,
_____ (Acts 2:42).

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

A. (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?

A. “Go ye therefore, and teach all _____, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost” (Matthew 28:19).

“Ye shall be _____ unto me both in Jerusalem and in all Judea, and unto the
_____ part of the _____” (Acts 1:8).

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