



# World Christian Fellowship

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## Church and Purpose

### What is the Church?

New Testament Greek word for church is '*ekklesia*' which means an assembly or congregation.

It does not refer to a building, it generally refers to believers Jew or Gentile who have placed their faith in Jesus Christ.

#### **1 Timothy 3:15-16,**

The family of God

The church of the living God, which is possessing the life of God, as the pillar and support of the truth.

- Hear the truth,
- Come to know the truth,
- Believe the truth,
- Embrace the truth, and
- Proclaim the truth.

It may refer to a local assembly such as the church at Thessalonica (**1 Thessalonians 1:1**) or the universal church of all believers in Jesus Christ in this age everywhere.

### Metaphors of Church.

**Family:** God is our Father, and we are His children.

**Bride:** Christ is our Bridegroom and we are His bride.

**Branches of Vine:** Jesus Christ is vine and we are the branches.

**Kingdom:** Christ is our King, and we are His subjects.

**Enterprise:** Jesus the Master, and we are group of servants/  
slaves.

**Temple:** God dwells in it, and our bodies are the Temple.

**Flocks:** Jesus the Great and Chief Shepherd, and we are His  
sheep.

There is one imagery which is not mentioned in the Old  
Testament is that we are the **Body of Christ**.

**Ephesians 4:12,**

**Colossians 1:18,**

**Ephesians 5:23,**

Remember when Apostle Paul, before his conversion, while he  
was still known as Saul, persecuting Christians. Jesus asked Him  
why do you persecute Me?

**Ephesians 1:22-23,**

Members of the **Body of Christ** are placed there by the baptism  
of the Spirit.

**1 Corinthians 12:12-13,**

**Beginning:**

Jesus said I will build My Church,

**Matthew 16:18-19,**

Jesus said He will build on the truth!

**Matthew 16:16,**

1 Corinthians 3, Jesus is the foundation.

1 Peter 2, says Jesus is the cornerstone.

Ephesians 2, Christ is the foundation stone, the cornerstone.

The church is built on Him.

He is the foundation.

The first and essential and definitive characteristic of the true church is that it has a biblical view of Jesus Christ.

Peter spoke on the Day of Pentecost.

Acts 2,

The church obtained by the finished work on the cross.

**Acts 20:28,**

By the blood of Jesus! His death and resurrection stated it.

Peter confirms that it was not by gold or silver which are corruptible.

**1 Peter 1:18-19,**

This baptism of the Spirit was predicted in the Old Testament.

**Joel 2**

Occurred in **Acts 2.**

The formation of the body of Christ formed by the baptism of the Spirit.

This was predicted as a future event.

**Mark 1:8,**

Jesus later stated that the baptism would take place in

**Acts 1:5 & 8,**

The Holy Spirit descended in Acts 2.

Peter remembers this after he preached in Cornelius house in Acts 10.

**Acts 11:15-16,**

## **Church- Purpose**

To Glorify God! Is to Worship God!

**1 Corinthians 10:31,**

**Colossians 3:17,**

**John 4:23-24,**

How we glorify God/ Worship God

Two fold actions:

1. Equip the Saints
2. Evangelise the World

Do you understand the meaning of our church name?

## **Equipping the Saints**

**Acts 2:42,**

- a) Preaching and teaching the Word of God
- b) Place of fellowship of believers,
- c) Proclaiming the Lord's coming and His supper, and
- d) Praying.

**Ephesians 4:11-13,**

## **Evangelising the World**

**Matthew 28:18-20,**

**Acts 1:8,**

Our church logo has been redesigned it three things.

- **Exalt**
- **Equip**
- **Evangelise**

Based on **Philippians 3:3**