

What is the Church?

Matthew 16:16-18

I. What the Church is Not!

- A. It is not this B_____.
- B. It is not the W_____ on S_____.
- C. It is not me or an I_____ for which I am the authority!
 - 1. The C_____ that represent God.
 - 2. O_____ is passed on through generations.
 - 3. They are P_____ of God.
 - 4. They C_____ ministry.
 - 5. They operate under a C_____ of C_____.
 - 6. Their scriptural authority is C_____ L_____.
 - 7. They tend to F_____ on a charismatic leader.

II. What the Church Is

- A. The original word.
 - 1. Church = _____.
 - 2. How did it develop in the New Testament? - Ephesians 2:19-20; Hebrews 3:6; I Corinthians 3:16; 6:19 & I Peter 2:5
- b. How was this word used in the New Testament?
 - 1. A S_____ crowd - Acts 19:32, 39.

- 2. The body throughout the W_____ - Galatians 1:13; Ephesians 5:23 & Hebrews 12:22-23.
- 3. The church of a C_____ - Acts 13:1; I Corinthians 1:2; Acts 8:1 & Revelation 2:1.
- 4. A local C_____ - Romans 16:5 & Colossians 4:15.
- C. So - the church is you & me!
 - 1. Together or S_____.
 - 2. Meeting in this B_____ or not.
 - 3. We don't have to be a not-for-profit C_____.
 - 4. We are called:
 - a. Saints = _____.
 - b. The Way = _____.
 - 5. The church obeyed & served God by:
 - a. W_____ - Acts 8:4.
 - b. B_____ - Acts 2:40-41.
 - c. Making D_____ - Acts 2:42.
 - d. A_____ with mind & heart - II Corinthians 13:11.
 - e. E_____, T_____ & supporting - I Thessalonians 5:11.
 - f. Helping the needy - Acts 2:44-45.
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