

Understanding "The Church"

(How To Become A Member of The Church Series - #1)

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Review

Our 2007 Theme is "Here Is The Church"
Our first series was "The Cause We Plead"

Introduction to the series...

Understanding "The Church"

Some Misunderstandings...

A building (*Acts 11:22*)

A denomination

A collection of denominations

The Word CHURCH...

DEFINED

Greek *EKKLESIA* is translated "church" or "assembly"

From *EK* - "out of" + *KLESIS* - "a calling"

The church is a "called out" group

Greek political bodies were an *ekklesia* - assembly (*Acts 19:39*)

Jesus said, "I will build MY *ekklesia* - church (*Matt. 16:18*)

USED

Can refer to the Church _____ *Matt. 16:18; Eph. 1:22,23*

Can refer to the Church _____ *1 Cor. 1:1,2; Gal. 1:2*
Rev. 1:4; Rom. 16:16

The New Testament says the Church IS:

Acts 2:47 The _____

Acts 20:28 Those _____ with the _____ of Christ

1 Cor. 1:1,2 The _____

Eph. 1:22,23 The _____ of Christ

Eph. 2:16 The body of the _____

Eph. 5:22-32 The _____ of Christ

1 Thess. 1:1 Those who are in _____

Heb. 12:22,23 Those _____ in heaven

Matt. 16:18,19 The _____
Col. 1:12,13

Conclusion