
THE CHURCH OF THE NEW TESTAMENT

LESSON FIVE

Definition: The Church of the New Testament is a local assembly of baptized believers (read Acts 2:41) commissioned to win souls to Christ and baptize them (read Matt. 28:19,20) and to teach and preach God's Word (read Acts 2:41,42).

Declaration: The Head of the church is the Lord Jesus Christ (read Eph. 1:22) and He established the church during His early ministry (read Matt. 16:13-19) and empowered it with the Spirit on the day of Pentecost (read Acts 2:1-6).

Attending church is important -- you **cannot** be the Christian you ought and want to be without attending God's house. It has often been said, "You don't have to go to church to be a good Christian." Such a statement is **not true**. How can we say it is not true? Because it contradicts the Word of God. Anything that contradicts the Word of God is not true.

You say, "Fine; what kind of church should I attend?" Well, there are some churches that teach and preach the Bible without compromise or apology, and there are many that do not. A new Christian must choose a church that unashamedly believes, teaches, and preaches the Gospel that "*Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures*" (1 Cor. 15:3,4). Choose a church that teaches and preaches **all of the Bible all of the time**. Otherwise, you will not grow as a Christian; but you will stagnate.

Most likely you can find such a church in your area. But be careful not to make your choice until you prayerfully ask God to guide you. Having found a solid, Bible-believing church, the Bible says, *"Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching"* (Heb. 10:25). This simply means for us not to be like some Christians who rarely attend church and then only if it's convenient. The closer we get to Christ's coming, the more we ought to be together in God's house.

Going to church may not make us better Christians, but better Christians go to church. The church is the place where you are spiritually fed, where you can fellowship with other Christians, and through which you can best serve God with other Christians. Find a good, strong, solid, Bible-believing church. Join it and become involved. Why? God tells you to!

TRUTH IN REVIEW: (Look up verses)

The church was founded by Jesus Christ (Matt. 16:16-18).

You should attend a church that teaches and preaches the whole Bible (Acts 5:41, 42).

The Bible says, "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together..." (Heb. 10:25).

God wants you to join a Bible-believing church and become involved (Acts 2:41-47).

ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS:

1. Who founded the church according to the New Testament?

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2. You can be a good Christian and not attend church:
True _____ False _____
 3. You must choose a church that unashamedly believes,
_____, and _____ all the Word of God.
 4. We should beware of churches where _____ rule.
 5. A local church is the best way to _____ God.
 6. Christ loved the _____ so much that He _____
Himself for it (Eph. 5:25).
 7. The price that Jesus paid for the church was His own
_____ (Acts 20:23).
 8. A Christian witnesses to lost people by faithful attendance at
church: True _____ False _____.

OTHER PASSAGES:

*Matthew 16:16-18; Acts 8:1-4; Acts 12:1-5; 1 Cor. 11:18,22;
Ephesians 1:22;5:23-32; Colossians 1:18; 1 Timothy 3:15.*

ANSWERS:

Lesson 5: 1. Jesus Christ 2. False 3. Teachers, Preaches 4. Emotions 5. Serve
6. Church, Gave 7. Blood 8. True

List a few ministries of the local church in which you could
become involved:
