

WHAT IS THE CHURCH?

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I. TWO ASPECTS OF THE CHURCH: UNIVERSAL & LOCAL.

A. Universal Church.

1. The Universal Church Is Made Up of Believers.
2. The Universal Church Only Pertains to Believers From Pentecost to the Rapture.
3. What Other Names Does the Universal Church Go by?
 - a) "The Body of Christ." (Rom 12:5; 1Cor 12:12-14, 27; Eph 1:22-23; 4:12; Col 1:18a, 24)
 - b) The Bride of Christ. (???)

B. Local Church

Four Aspects of a Local Church Are As Follows:

1. It Is Local Geographically.
2. It Is a Local Gathering of Believers.
3. It Is a Locally Organized Gathering of Believers.
4. It Is a Gathering of Believers for a Purpose.

II. THE TERM "CHURCH."

A. The Greek of the New Testament.

1. "...Of the Lord...." (Κυρίου/ *Kuriou*) (Kur-Ee-Oo)
2. *Ekklēsia* (Ek-Lay-See-a) (Εκκλησία)

B. Viewed From English Language History.

1. Kuriou—Kirk—Church

III. WHO MAKES UP THE CHURCH?

A. The Church Is Made Up of Believers.

- B. The Church Is Made of Holy Spirit Indwelt Believers Who Have Received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit.

IV. MISCONCEPTIONS OF THE CHURCH.

- A. The Church Is Israel.
- B. The Church Should Be a National Entity.
- C. There Are Two Categories of Believers in the Church:
- D. The Church Is a Building.