

Let's Study Our Bible

Lesson 2: The Pattern for the Church

How the Church is Structured

The Head

1. Ephesians 5:23

Yes – No Is Jesus the head of the church?

Yes – No Is He the Savior of the Body?

Yes – No If Jesus is the Savior of the body, do we need to be in the body to be saved?

The body

2. Ephesians 1:22-23

Yes – No Is the body the church?

Yes – No Is Jesus the head of the church?

3. Ephesians 4:4-6

Yes – No Is there more than one body (church)?

THOUGHT QUESTION: If there is only one body and the body is the church, then how many churches did Jesus establish?

4. 1 Corinthians 12:12-14,27

THOUGHT QUESTION: In this passage of Scripture, who made up the body?

5. Acts 2:40-47

Yes – No Did Christ add the people to the church?

THOUGHT QUESTION: Who was being added to the church?

Head =

Christ

Body = churches

(Christians)



The Church and the Role of Christ:

6. Ephesians 3:7-11

Yes – No Was the church planned by God from the beginning?

7. Colossians 1:18

Yes – No Is Christ the head of the church?

Yes – No If this is true, must the church be in subjection to its head (Christ)?

Yes – No Is there any man on this earth that can be head of the church?

8. Acts 20:28

Yes – No Did Jesus purchase the church with His own blood?

9. 1 Peter 1:18-19

Yes – No Were the Christians that Peter was speaking to, purchased by the blood of Christ?

Yes – No If one is purchased by the blood of Christ, is that person part of Christ's church?

10. Acts 11:26

Yes – No Were the disciples called Christians in the New Testament?

Yes – No Did these Christians belong to the church?

Yes – No If we follow New Testament scripture, will it make us a Christian and nothing else?

11. Romans 16:16

Yes – No Do we read of the churches of Christ in the Bible?

Yes – No Do we read of any approved denomination in the Bible?

Elders and Deacons

12. Acts 14:23

Yes – No Were there elders in every church?

13. 1 Peter 5:1-2

Yes – No Were elders to only oversee the flock among them?

14. Philippians 1:1

THOUGHT QUESTION: Who did Paul address this letter to?

15. 1 Timothy 3:1-13

Yes – No Must elders and deacons meet the qualifications of the Bible?

Doctrine of the Church

16. 2 Timothy 3:16-17

Yes – No Is the church guided by the Bible?

Yes – No Can we read of the church having any other creed book to follow?

17. John 4:24

Yes – No Are we to worship God in spirit and truth?

18. Matthew 15:9

THOUGHT QUESTION: How did these Jews worship Jesus in vain?

Obligations of the Church

19. **Evangelism:** Matthew 28:19-20

Yes – No Is the church to preach the gospel to the lost?

Yes – No Is the church obligated to teach its members?

20. **Benevolence:** Romans 15:25-26; 1Timothy 5:16;

Yes – No Is the church expected to help the needy saints?

Yes – No Is there a difference between the responsibility of the church and the responsibility of the individual?

21. **Edification** “*spiritual advancement*”, “*Greek: building a house*”: Acts 9:31; 1Thess 5:11-18

Yes – No Does peace in the church among fellow Christians edify each other?

Yes – No Would Christians be edified through bible classes and worship services along with individuals practicing peace, love and serving one another?

The Church Is Not:

22. *Not a material building:* Acts 17:24

Yes – No Does God dwell in temples made with hands?

23. *Not a social club:* 1 Corinthians 11:17-22

Yes – No Is physical nourishment and common meals the responsibility of the church?

24. *Not a denomination:* Matthew 16:13-18

Yes – No Did Jesus promise to build His church or a church founded by a man?

25. 1 Corinthians 1:10-13

Yes – No Is denominationalism or wearing different names approved by the Lord?

Yes – No Did Paul rebuke the Corinthians for speaking different things religiously?

Homework: Please read Acts 1 & 2 prior to lesson 3

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