# **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

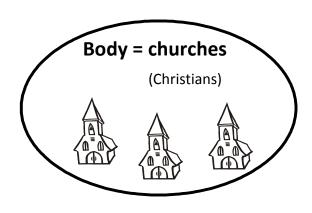
THOUGHT QUESTION: In this passage of Scripture, who made up the body?

#### 5. Acts 2:40-47

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

THOUGHT QUESTION: Who was being added to the church?





# 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

Updated with permission from Rick Billingsley, Cary NC