

THE CHURCH

“There is one body...”

THERE IS ONLY ONE TRUE CHURCH, IT IS THE BODY OF JESUS

- **(Eph 1:22-23 KJV)** "And hath put all *things* under his _____, and gave him *to be* the _____ over all *things* to the church, {23} Which is his _____, the _____ of him that _____ all in all."
- **(Eph 4:4-6 KJV)** "There is one _____, and one _____, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; {5} One _____, one _____, one baptism, {6} One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all."
- **(Col 1:18-19 KJV)** "And he is the _____ of the _____, the church: who is the beginning, the _____ from the dead; that in all things he might have the _____. {19} For it pleased the Father that in him should all fulness dwell;"

It is important for us to be able to identify that body so we can worship God acceptably.

ESTABLISHED BY JESUS

- **(Mat 16:16-18 KJV)** "And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the _____, the Son of the living _____. {17} And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven. {18} And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this _____ I will build my _____; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."
- **(Acts 20:28 KJV)** "Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the _____, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the _____ of God, which he hath purchased with his own _____."
- **(Eph 3:10-11 KJV)** "To the intent that now unto the _____ and powers in heavenly places might be known by the _____ the manifold _____ of God, {11} According to the _____ purpose which he purposed in _____ our Lord:"

BEGAN IN JERUSALEM IN 33 A.D.

- **(Acts 2:1,41,47 KJV)** "And when the day of _____ was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place." {41} "Then they that gladly received his word were _____; and the same day there were _____ unto them about three thousand souls." {47} "Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the _____ to the _____ daily such as should be saved."
- Any church which had its beginning any other place or time is not the Lord's church.

NOT A DENOMINATION

- Jesus prayed for religious unity, not division
(John 17:20-21 KJV) "Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall _____ on me through their word; {21} That they all may be _____; as thou, Father, art in _____, and I in thee, that _____ also may be one in us: that the _____ may believe that thou hast sent me."
- **(1 Cor 1:10 KJV)** "Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the _____, and that there be no _____ among you; but that ye be perfectly _____ together in the same _____ and in the same _____."
- Religious denominationalism divides the body of Christ by its teaching, its human creeds, its human names.
- In the Bible, there was not organizational structure above the local church, composed of bishops, deacons and saints.
(Phil 1:1 KJV) "Paul and Timotheus, the servants of Jesus Christ, to all the _____ in Christ Jesus which are at Philippi, with the _____ and _____"

NO HUMAN NAME

- **(Rom 16:16 KJV)** "Salute one another with an holy kiss. The _____ of _____ salute you.
- **(1 Cor 1:2 KJV)** "Unto the _____ of _____ which is at Corinth, to them that are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called *to be* _____, with all that in every place call upon the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both theirs and ours:"
- **(Heb 12:23 KJV)** "To the general assembly and _____ of the _____, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect,"

OTHER CHARACTERISTICS

- HOSPITALITY
(1 Pet 4:9 KJV) "Use _____ one to another without _____."
- UNITY
(Acts 4:32 KJV) "And the multitude of them that _____ were of one _____ and of one _____: neither said any *of them* that ought of the things which he _____ was his own; but they had all things _____."
- COURAGE
(Acts 5:27-29 KJV) "And when they had brought them, they set *them* before the _____: and the high priest asked them, {28} Saying, Did not we straitly _____ you that ye should not teach in this name? and, behold, ye have filled _____ with your doctrine, and intend to bring this man's blood upon us. {29} Then Peter and the *other* apostles answered and said, We ought to _____ God rather than _____."
- CONCERN AND CARE FOR ONE ANOTHER
(Acts 4:35 KJV) "And laid *them* down at the _____ feet: and _____ was made unto every man according as he had _____."
- BROTHERLY LOVE
(Heb 13:1 KJV) "Let _____ love _____."
- EVANGELISTIC ZEAL
(Acts 5:42 KJV) "And _____ in the temple, and in _____ house, they ceased _____ to _____ and _____ Jesus Christ."
- FAITHFUL ATTENDANCE AT WORSHIP SERVICES
(Heb 10:25 KJV) "Not _____ the assembling of ourselves _____, as the manner of some *is*; but _____ *one another*: and so much the more, as ye see the day _____."

CONCLUSION

Our worship and service to God are to be done "in spirit and in truth" (John 4:24). One without the other is not enough. We must not only be concerned to be doing the right things. We must also be zealous to have the right attitude and love - both for God and for one another.

--Roger Hillis