



God's Church

A Systematic Study of Ecclesiology

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1. Our Study of “Ecclesiology”

A. What We'll Cover

- 1) *What the Church Is*
- 2) *What the Church is Called to Do*
- 3) *How the Church is to be Organized*

B. Why This is So Important Today

- 1) *To Restore a High View of the Church*
- 2) *To Clarify Christ's Agenda for the Church*
- 3) *To Understand Our Obligation to the Church*

2. The Word “Church”

A. Our English Word: “Church”

- 1) “Church” is from “*Kuriakon*” (Greek)
- 2) “*Kuriakon*” is a form of “*Kurios*” (Greek)

“*Kuriakon*” = “belonging to the Lord”

2. The Word “Church”

B. The Greek Word: “*Ekklesia*”

1) NT Occurrences = 114 xs

- ESV: “church(es”) = 108

- “assembly” = 4

- “congregation” = 2

2) A Compound Word

“*Ek*” + “*Kaleo*” (Greek)

“Out” + “to Call / Summons” = “Called Out”

2. The Word “Church”

C. The Greek Word Outside the NT

1) Secular Greek

- Various Assemblies (“groups”)

2) The Septuagint = 80 xs

- An Assembled Group (e.g., Dt.9:10)
- A Exclusive Group (e.g., Dt.23:1-8)
- An Inclusive Group (e.g., Dt.31:30)

2. The Word “Church”

D. The Greek Word in the NT

1) Secular Meaning

- Acts 19:32
- Acts 19:38-39
- Acts 19:41

2) Depicting OT Scenes

- Acts 7:38
- Hebrews 2:12

2. The Word “Church”

D. The Greek Word in the NT

3) Specific / Technical NT Use

- a) The “Universal Church” (Eph.1:22)
- b) The “Local Church” (Ac.8:1)
- c) A Segment of the UC (Ac.9:31)
 - cp. Acts 16:5 & Galatians 1:2

3. The “Universal Church”

A. Primary NT Illustrations

- 1) The Body of Christ (e.g., Col.1:16-18)
- 2) The Bride of Christ (e.g., Eph.5:22-33)
- 3) The Building of God (e.g., Eph.2:19-22)

B. Logical Observations



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