

LESSON TWELVE: GOD'S ADDED PEOPLE, THE CHURCH

Matthew 16:18

A mystery in the Old Testament, God has empowered the church to be His present representative on the earth. Satan has been attacking every institution God has established (marriage, human government, Israel, the church), so we must learn what God says is right in order to identify the Devil's lies (2 Corinthians 2:11). If Jesus loved the church so much that He would die for Her, then we should also love the church and her doctrine (Ephesians 5:25)!

I. WHAT THE CHURCH IS

A. What the Church Is Not

1. She is not _____—Romans 9:7; Galatians 3:7; 1 Peter 2:11
2. She is not the _____—Acts 15:16; Revelation 11:15
3. She is not a _____—1 Corinthians 6:19; 12:27

B. The *church* is a “called _____” assembly.

C. Most uses of *ecclesia* refer to _____ churches.

D. A church is a _____, local, organized, body of Scripturally baptized believers whose Head is Jesus Christ—Acts 2:41-42

II. WHAT THE CHURCH DOES

A. Regarding Christ:

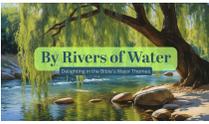
1. _____ God—Revelation 2:4; Philippians 2:9
2. _____ God—Ephesians 1:5-6, 11-12, 14; 3:21
3. Display God's _____—Ephesians 2:7; 3:6, 10; 1 Peter 2:9

B. Regarding the Bible:

1. _____ It—1 Timothy 4:13
2. _____ It—1 Timothy 4:16
3. _____ It—2 Timothy 2:1-2; 4:2

C. Regarding the saints:

1. _____ believers—Matthew 28:19
2. _____ believers—Matthew 28:20
3. _____ believers—1 Corinthians 14:26; 1 Thessalonians 5:11
4. _____ believers—1 Peter 4:17
5. _____ with believers—Acts 2:42; 1 John 1:3, 6-7



6. _____ for believers—James 1:27; 2:15-16; 1 John 3:17
- D. Regarding sinners: _____—Romans 1:14-15
- E. Regarding society:
1. Act as a _____, enlightening agent—Matthew 5:13-16
 2. Promote _____—Galatians 6:10
- F. Regarding Israel: provoke to _____—Romans 11:11-15

III. LESSONS FOR THE CHURCH

- A. Fulfill the _____ Commission—Matthew 28:18-20; Mark 16:15; Acts 1:8
- B. Be _____ with the Spirit—Acts 1:8; Ephesians 5:18
- C. _____—Acts 14:23; James 5:14
- D. _____—Acts 2:47; Hebrews 2:12
- E. Prepare for Christ's _____—1 Thessalonians 5:23; 2 Thessalonians 3:5

CONCLUSION

Will you seek the blessed expressions of God in the New Testament's _____?