



THE CHURCH

1. Definition

- 1577 ekklesia-
- a gathering of citizens called out from their homes into some public place, an assembly
- 1) an assembly of Christians gathered for worship in a religious meeting
- 2) a company of Christian, or of those who, hoping for eternal salvation through Jesus Christ, to observe their own religious rites, to hold their own religious meetings, and to manage their own affairs, according to regulations prescribed for the body for order's sake
- 3) those who anywhere, in a city, village, constitute such a company and are united into one body
- 4) the whole body of Christians scattered throughout the earth
- 5) the assembly of faithful Christians already dead and received into heaven

2. Facts about THE CHURCH

- Called the Body of Christ – Rom 12:5
- Compared to a building – 1 Cor 3:10
- Its precious to Christ – Acts 20:28
- There is Love for the Church – Eph 1:15
- It is divinely instituted – Eph 2:20
- Paul cared for the Church – 2 Cor 11:28
- The Church continues to grow – Acts 5:14
- Christ is the head – Eph 5:23
- Christ is the bridegroom – Jhn 3:29
- Church is the bride – 2 Cor 11:2
- Church is in union with Christ – Eph 5:30
- Church is the family of God – 2 Cor 6:18
- Church is called children of God – Rom 8:16
- Church is called heirs of God – Tit 3:7
- Church is called son's of God – 1 Jhn 3:1
- Church is called son's of Light – 1 Thes 5:5
- Christ is the Shepherd – Ps 23:1

3. Summary

Each description defines us