

The Lord's Church

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What is the church?

- ◆ **Not**

- **A building**

- **A denomination**

- **A saving institution**



What Then?

- ◆ The original Greek term, “Ekklesia” which is translated church literally means “a calling out”
- ◆ So we are talking about people who have been called out of the world and belong to Jesus.



Ekklesia Is Used in Three Senses

- ◆ Universally – all the saved
(Matt. 16:18)
- ◆ Churches in a area (Gal. 1:2)
- ◆ Local – a local body of believers
(1 Cor. 1:1,2)



People Who

- ◆ Are Saved (Acts 2:47)
- ◆ Respect Jesus' authority (Matt. 28:18)
 - Found in Apostles' teaching (Matt. 10:40; Acts 2:42)
- ◆ Heed Jesus' request (Jno. 17:20,21)
 - Takes Right Attitude (Eph. 4:1-3)
 - Takes the Truth (Eph. 4:4-6)
- ◆ Love one another (Jno. 13:34, 35)



People Who

- ◆ Enjoy the great promises of God
 - All spiritual blessings (Eph. 1:3)
 - Answer of prayer (Phil. 4:6,7)
 - Fellowship with the saints (Eph 2:19)
 - The assurance of heaven (2 Pt. 1:10, 11)

