

The church in a local sense

- Saints in a locality
 - Philippians 1:1; 4:15
 - 1 Corinthians 16:1-2
- Agreement to work together
 - Recognized membership/fellowship
 - Acts 18:27
 - 1 Corinthians 5
 - 3 John 10
 - 2 John 9-11
 - Pooling of funds for collective work
 - Acts 4:35
 - 1 Corinthians 16:1-2
 - 1 Timothy 5:16
 - Common oversight
 - Acts 20:17, 28
 - Philippians 1:1
 - Without elders does not mean it is not a church: Acts 14:23, Titus 1:5
- Assembly for worship and edification
 - 1 Corinthians 16:1-2
 - 1 Corinthians 14

Making the distinction: universal & local

	Universal	Local
Scope	All the saved – Acts 2:47; Hebrews 12:23	Limited – Philippians 1:1; 1 Thessalonians 1:1; 1 Corinthians 1:2
Number	One – Ephesians 4:4	Many – Romans 16:16; 1 Corinthians 14:33
Beginning	Acts 2:36, 41	Anytime – Acts 11:19, 26
Duration	Eternal	Acts 8:1....Galatians 1:13
Entrance	God adds – Acts 2:47	Men receive – Acts 9:26, 18:27
Removal	John 15:1, 6; Revelation 3:5	1 Corinthians 5:2, 7, 13; 3 John 9- 10
Function	Individual action – e.g. James 1:27; Ephesians 4:28	Joint action – 1 Corinthians 16:1- 2; 5:4-5; Acts 20:7; Colossians 3:16
Oversight	Individual – Acts 5:4; Ephesians 6:4; 1 Timothy 5:16a	Elders – 1 Peter 5:1, 2; Acts 20:28
Treasury	None	1 Corinthians 16:1-2; Acts 4:35