



The Work Of The Church

The church – “ekklesia” = the called out

- 1 Peter 2:9-10
- In a universal sense
 - Hebrews 12:23
- In a local sense
 - 1 Corinthians 1:2

The church in a local sense: Some identifying characteristics

- Has a clearly defined membership
 - Acts 2:41-42
 - Fellowship: Incoming/outgoing
 - Acts 18:27
 - 1 Corinthians 5:12-13
- Has its own local oversight
 - Acts 14:23
 - 1 Peter 5:2
- Collects in a common fund for apostolically-directed purposes
 - 1 Corinthians 16:1-2
- Assembles together in one place
 - 1 Corinthians 11:18; 14:23
 - Acts 11:26

The work of the church

1. Preaching and teaching the word of God

- Began with the great commission
 - Matthew 28:18-19; Mark 16:15; Luke 24:47
- Send men to preach and to teach
 - Acts 11:22-24; 13:1-3

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1. Preaching and teaching the word of God

- Fellowship, sharing in the preaching of the gospel by supporting men who preach the gospel
 - Philippians 4:15-16; 1:5
 - 2 Corinthians 11:8
 - 1 Corinthians 9:14

The work of the church

1. Preaching and teaching the word of God

- To both...
 - The lost – Acts 14:27
 - The saved – Acts 14:23; 1 Timothy 4:6; 2 Timothy 2:2
- By both...
 - Going – Acts 8:5, 21:8
 - Staying – 1 Timothy 1:3; Titus 1:5
- 1 Timothy 3:15