

THE CHURCH

THE SAVED

Introduction:

1. The New Testament uses many terms and concepts to describe the church of Christ.
2. As members of the church, it is important for us to know what the church is – and what the Lord expects it to be.
3. Thus, as we study these divine descriptions of the church, we will learn how we are to conduct ourselves individually and as a congregation of God's people.
4. The role of the church in God's plan of redemption...
 - a. Eternal purpose
 - b. Connected to the crucifixion
 - c. Result of the resurrection
 - d. Established on Pentecost
5. Descriptive Designations of the Church:
 - a. "The Called Out"
 - b. The Body of Christ
 - c. The Bride of Christ
 - d. The Kingdom of Christ
 - e. The Saved

- I. Who Are the Saved? (Ephesians 5:23)
- A. The religious world has a different view of salvation than that taught in the Bible.
 1. They see and teach two processes – or, a two-fold process.
 2. First, one is saved from sin by faith in Jesus.
 3. Then, the one saved joins the church of his or her choice.
 - B. The Bible teaches that all of the saved are in the church – and, the church is the only sphere wherein the saved are located (Eph. 1:22-23; 4:4; 5:23).
 1. Consider the previously noted descriptions of the church...
 2. Remember that there is only one church – no denominations...
 - C. Christ and the church are one (Eph. 5:30).
 - D. Thus, salvation in Christ is salvation in the church (cf. Acts 2:37-47; 4:12; John 14:6; Gal. 3:26-29).

- II. What Does It Mean To Be Saved? (Luke 15)
- A. What does it mean to be lost?
 1. A lost sheep (Matt. 10:6; Luke 15:4-7)
 2. A lost coin (Luke 15:8-10)
 3. A lost son (Luke 15:11-32)
 4. A lost soul (Matt. 16:26; Eph. 2:12)
 - B. To be saved is to be rescued (Matt. 8:25; 1:21).
 - C. To be saved is to be found (Matt. 18:11).
 - D. To be saved is to be pardoned (Mark 16:16).
 - E. To be saved is to be enlivened (Luke 9:56; John 10:9-10).

- III. What Must One Do To Be Saved? (Acts 2:37-47)
- A. Hear the Gospel (Acts 11:14; Rom. 1:16)
 - B. Believe the Gospel (Acts 16:30-31; Heb. 11:6)
 - C. Repent of sins (Acts 2:38; 17:30; Luke 13:3; 2 Cor. 7:10)

Biblical Description of the Church

Lesson Nine

Ephesians 5:23

- D. Confess faith in Jesus (Rom. 10:9-10; Acts 8:32)
- E. Be baptized (Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; 22:16; Rom. 6:3-4; Gal. 3:27; 1 Pet. 3:21)
- F. Live faithfully (Heb. 2:3; Rev. 2:10)