

The Church – an Overview

Acts 19:32, 39

32. So then, some were shouting one thing and some another, for the assembly was in confusion and the majority did not know for what reason they had come together.

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39. "But if you want anything beyond this, it shall be settled in the lawful assembly.

Acts 7:38

This is the one who was in the congregation in the wilderness together with the angel who was speaking to him on Mount Sinai, and who was with our fathers; and he received living oracles to pass on to you.

1 Ephesians 1:22-23

22. And He put all things in subjection under His feet, and gave Him as head over all things to the church,

23. which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.

Acts 13:23

From the descendants of this man, according to promise, God has brought to Israel a Savior, Jesus,

Acts 9:31

So the church throughout all Judea and Galilee and Samaria enjoyed peace, being built up; and going on in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, it continued to increase.

Matthew 16:18

I also say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build My church; and the gates of Hades will not overpower it.

Acts 1:4-5

4. Gathering them together, He commanded them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait for what the Father had promised, "Which," He said, "you heard of from Me;
5. for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

Acts 2:1-4

1. When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place.
2. And suddenly there came from heaven a noise like a violent rushing wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting.
3. And there appeared to them tongues as of fire distributing themselves, and they rested on each one of them.
4. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit was giving them utterance.

Ephesians 5:25-27

25. Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her,
26. so that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word,
27. that He might present to Himself the church in all her glory, having no spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that she would be holy and blameless.

Ephesians 1:22

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Ephesians 3:3-12

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3. that by revelation there was made known to me the mystery, as I wrote before in brief.
 4. By referring to this, when you read you can understand my insight into the mystery of Christ,
 5. which in other generations was not made known to the sons of men, as it has now been revealed to His holy apostles and prophets in the Spirit;
 6. to be specific, that the Gentiles are fellow heirs and fellow members of the body, and fellow partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel,
 7. of which I was made a minister, according to the gift of God's grace which was given to me according to the working of His power.
 8. To me, the very least of all saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unfathomable riches of Christ,
 9. and to bring to light what is the administration of the mystery which for ages has been hidden in God who created all things;
 10. so that the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known through the church to the rulers and the authorities in the heavenly places.
 11. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose which He carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord,
 12. in whom we have boldness and confident access through faith in Him.

Matthew 28:19

Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit,

1 Corinthians 11:23-32

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23. For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus in the night in which He was betrayed took bread;
 24. and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, "This is My body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of Me."
 25. In the same way He took the cup also after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood; do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."
 26. For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
 27. Therefore whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner, shall be guilty of the body and the blood of the Lord.
 28. But a man must examine himself, and in so doing he is to eat of the bread and drink of the cup.
 29. For he who eats and drinks, eats and drinks judgment to himself if he does not judge the body rightly.
 30. For this reason many among you are weak and sick, and a number sleep.
 31. But if we judged ourselves rightly, we would not be judged.
 32. But when we are judged, we are disciplined by the Lord so that we will not be condemned along with the world.

1 Chronicles 16:29

29 Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His name; Bring an offering, and come before Him; Worship the LORD in holy array.

Romans 3:23

23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

John 4:23

23 "But an hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for such people the Father seeks to be His worshipers.

Matthew 28:19-20

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19 "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit,
20 teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

Colossians 2:6-7

6 Therefore as you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him,
7 having been firmly rooted and now being built up in Him and established in your faith, just as you were instructed, and overflowing with gratitude.

Ephesians 5:15-17

15 Therefore be careful how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise,
16 making the most of your time, because the days are evil.
17 So then do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.