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A Study of The Local New Testament Church, How and Where You Fit In

Ordering Our Study

The body provides:

- 1. Provision & Protection** – Defining the local church
- 2. Function** – Your place in the local church
- 3. Relation** – Your relationship with God and others
- 4. Identification** – Who God says you are
- 5. Mission and Vision** – What God calls us to do
- 6. Interaction** – Touching the lives of others with the word of God.



Provision & Protection Defining the local church

What is the church?

- A. The church is our lifeline and covering.
- B. The word church means “called out assembly”.

Who is in charge of the church?

- A. Jesus is the head of the church. *Ephesians 1:22-23, Ephesians 4:15-16*
- B. We are the body of Christ. *Ephesians 4:15-16, 1 Corinthians 12:12-27*
- C. The church is likened to a building. *1 Peter 2:5, Ephesians 2:18-22, 1 Corinthians 3:9-13*
- D. Jesus is the founder and builder of the church. *Matthew 16:18, 1 Corinthians 3:9*
- E. We have an important role in building the church. *Ephesians 4:11-16*

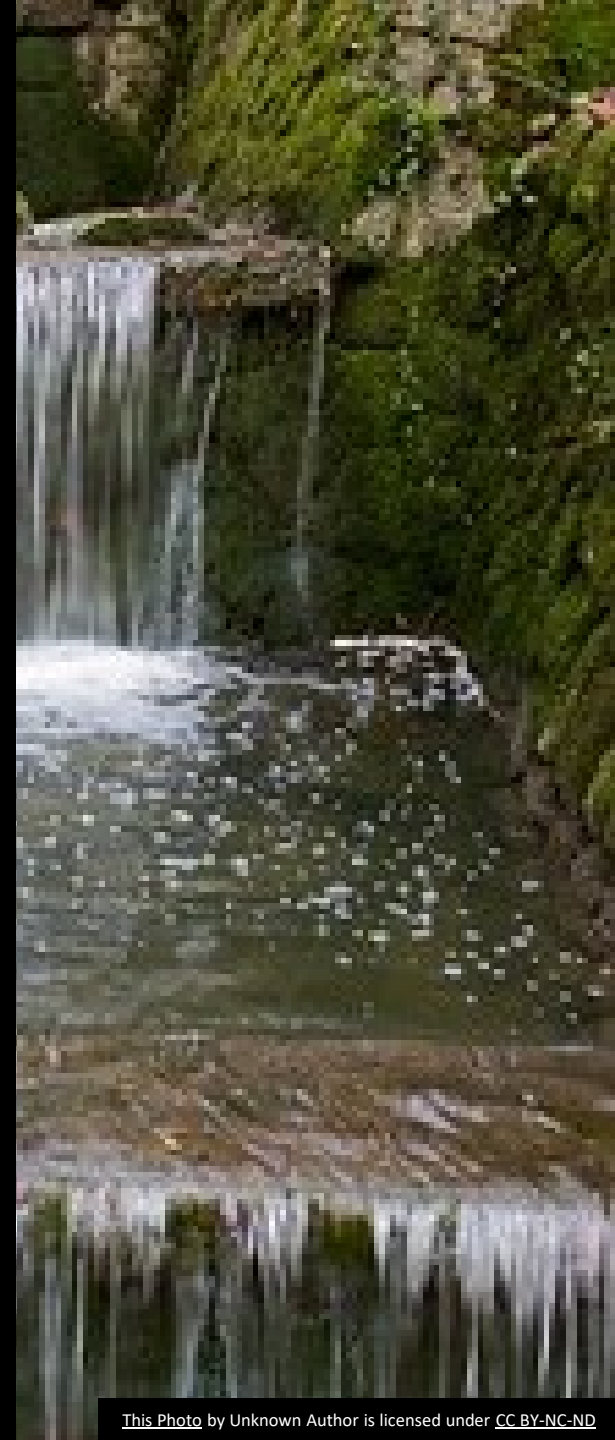
What is the purpose of the church?

- A. The purpose of the church is to disciple of all nations. *Matthew 28:18-20, John 17:4, 2 Timothy 2:2*
- B. Preach the gospel *Mark 16:15, Romans 1:16-17, 1 Thessalonians 2:4, Ephesians 4:11-12, Acts 2:42, 1 Thessalonians 5:11, Ephesians 4:16*



Why is it important for me to be joined to a local New Testament Church?

A. The local New Testament church is an important conduit of the believer's provision. *1 Peter 5:1-2, 1 Corinthians 12:14-20, 1 Peter 4:10, 1 John 1:3*



What is the role of the pastor in the church? Ephesians 4:4-16

- A. The pastor is charged to feed the flock of God.
1 Peter 5:1-4, Genesis 31:38-41, John 10:11-14, Jeremiah 3:15
- B. Pastors hold the primary office in church governance. *Ephesians 4:11, 1 Timothy 5:1, Acts 6:3-4*

How important is each individual member? 1 Corinthians 12:27

- A. The body of Christ is composed of individuals who have been born again. *John 3:5-7*
- B. Why is it important for me to attend church? *Hebrews 10:24-25, Romans 12:5, Romans 12:10, 1 Corinthians 12:20-27*

Will I face obstacles in attending church? *Ephesians 6:12*

- A. Our flesh. *Romans 7:18-23, Galatians 5:16-18, John 4:24*
- B. Others. *Romans 12:19-21, 1 Peter 4:7-8*
- C. The devil. *1 Peter 4:12-13*
- D. Frequency and consistency. *Acts 5:42, Acts 20:20*

What is the body of Christ?

- A. The body of Christ is defined in scripture as the “church”. *Colossians 1:24, Romans 12:5*
- B. The church is the pillar and ground of the truth. *1 Timothy 3:14-15*
- C. Fellowship is based on our relationship around the word of God.
- D. Ways you can find fellowship at HBF.
- E. Defining “body life”.

Questions?

1. Are you saved?
2. Are you sharing the gospel and your testimony?
3. Are you obedient in believer's baptism?
4. Are you following Christ as a disciple, doing the first things like attending worship and fellowship with saints?
5. Are you faithful in church attendance?
6. Are you faithful in observing the Lord's Supper?
7. Are you seeing ways to serve others through the body of Christ?



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