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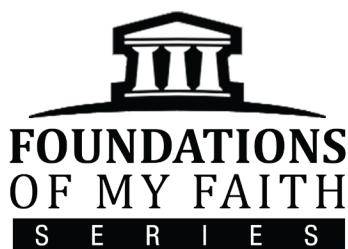


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How to use this curriculum



LOOK UP these verses in your Bible.



KEY VERSES to the lesson.

The Bible explains how Jesus Christ established the church. The New Testament speaks of the church in four parts:

The Gospels – Foundation for the church

Acts – Growth of the church

The Epistles – Guidance for the church

Revelation – The future of the church

We ought to know why the church matters to God and how the church can help us live for Him.

What is a church?

A local church is a body of believers called by God to serve in a specific area. The church is the body of Christ.

1. The church is a group of believers who gather together on a regular basis.



"And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart, Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved."

(Acts 2:46-47)

The church is not a building or a denomination. It is simply a group of people, assembled together, who have been saved by Jesus Christ and scripturally baptized.

2. The church is God's institution to provide support and structure for our faith.



"But if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth." (1 Timothy 3:15)



Ephesians 2:20

3. The church is the flock of God.

God lovingly refers to us as sheep. Sheep are most healthy and productive in a flock with a shepherd. Christians are most healthy and productive when they are in a local church with a caring pastor.



Acts 20:28, I Peter 5:2

4. The church is the body of Jesus Christ.

In I Corinthians 12:14-27, the church is compared to the human body.

Each member's function is different. (14-20)

Each member's function is dependent upon the other's. (21)

Each member's function is vital. (22-24)

Each member's function contributes to the success of the entire body. (25-27)

What is the purpose of the local church?

The local church is a place where believers gather to:

Hear God's Word. (Acts 2:42)

Pray. (Acts 2:42)

Fellowship with other believers. (Acts 2:42)

Observe the two ordinances (baptism and Lord's supper).
(Acts 2:41-42)

Fulfill the Great Commission by sending the Gospel locally and globally. (Matthew 28:19-20)

Bring tithes and offerings to the Lord. (Malachi 3:8-10;
I Corinthians 16:2)

Serve with their God-given gifts. (I Corinthians 12:18)

Observe, learn, minister, and lead. (Ephesians 4:11–14)

Encourage, restore, and strengthen other believers.
(Hebrews 10:24-25; Galatians 6:1)

What is a believer's responsibility to the local church?

He should love its Head (Jesus Christ), faithfully attend its services, support its mission, follow its God-ordained leadership, and encourage its members.

Quiz

1. What is the church?

The church is a group of _____ who gather together on a regular basis. Verse _____

The church is not a _____ or a _____.

The church is God's institution to provide _____ and _____ for our faith. Verse _____

The church is the _____ of God.

The church is the body of _____.
Verse _____

2. How is the function of the church similar to the function of the human body?

Each member's function is _____.

Each member's function is _____ upon the _____.

Each member's function is _____.

Each member's function _____ to the success of the entire body.

3. The local church is a place believers gather to:

H_____ God's Word. Verse _____

P _____. Verse _____

F _____ with other believers.
Verse _____

Observe the two ordinances, _____ and
the _____.

Fulfill the Great _____. Verse _____

Bring _____ and _____ to the Lord.
Verse _____

Serve with their God-given _____.
Verse _____

Observe, _____, minister, and lead.
Verse _____

Encourage, _____, and strengthen other
believers. Verse _____

4. What is a believer's responsibility to the local church?

Love its _____, Jesus Christ.

Faithfully _____ its services.

Support its _____.

_____ its God-ordained leadership.

Encourage its _____.

Memory Verses

(Choose at least two Scripture verses to memorize from the following list.)

Ephesians 5:25

Ephesians 2:20

Acts 2:42

I Timothy 3:15

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