

The Church The Local Congregation

Lesson #49

1. Everyone who trusts Christ _____ is a member of the _____
_____ and the true Christian will seek the fellowship of _____.
2. Every Christian should, therefore, _____ himself and _____ the
fellowship of a _____, _____ church.
3. It is in the local congregation that you have your _____
to study the Word of God and thereby grow in _____ and _____.
4. The New Testament scriptures are _____ with references to the _____
church.
 - A. The churches _____.
 - B. The churches _____.
 - C. The churches _____.
 - D. The _____ churches of _____.
5. The Apostle Paul _____ churches everywhere he went.
6. The _____ is the physical body by which the _____
_____, the church, is manifested.
7. When Peter preached in Acts, Chapter 2, over _____ people were _____
_____. Acts 2:41 and 47.
8. The book of Acts has no _____ because the _____
_____ and will go on until all _____ who are going to be
saved are saved. Romans 11:25
9. Christ's _____ for the local church is found in _____.
10. Luke _____ as the book of Acts unfolds.
 - A. Jerusalem Acts 2:1 and 14
 - B. Judea and Samaria Acts 8:1 and 5
 - C. The uttermost part of the world. Acts 8:26; 10:1
11. With the coming of the Holy Spirit came _____ the
local body of Christ. Luke 24:49; John 14:16 and 26; and Acts 1:4
12. Of the _____ promises in the Bible the promise of the Holy Spirit is the only
one called the promise _____. (see above verses)
13. The local church was _____ established on the Day of Pentecost with _____
brethren. Acts 1:15

14. The _____ of the Lord to _____ is found in the _____ . Matthew 28:19 and 20

A. _____ disciples

B. _____ them

C. _____ them

* See also Luke 24:47-51

15. We know that this mandate was for the local assembly because His instruction was given to a _____ local group of people residing _____.

16. Acts, Chapters 1 and 2, begins the _____ and _____ of the local congregation.

17. The local church is a _____ with Christ as its _____ . 1 Corinthians 1:9

18. It is also a fellowship of _____ based on a _____ love for Christ. 1 John 3:14 and 16

19. As members of a local fellowship we have a command for _____ . Ephesians 4:3; 1 Thess. 5:12 and 13; 1 John 1:7

20. The local church is designed to _____ with comfort, love, teaching and admonishing. 1 Thess. 4:18; 1 Peter 1:22; and Colossians 3:16

21. The church should be _____ in reaching out to _____ to Christ. 1 Peter 3:15; Romans 10:14 and 15

22. The _____ refers to a local body of believers approximately _____ . Here are about one half of those references which you should look up on your own.

Matthew 18:17

Acts 2:41 & 42

Acts 2:47

Acts 5:14 & 42

Acts 6:7

Acts 8:1 & 3

Acts 9:31

Acts 11:19-26

Acts 14:23

Acts 13 & 14

Acts 14:27

Acts 15:41

Acts 16:5 & 6

Acts 16:11-40

Acts 17:1-4

Acts 18:2

Acts 19:8-10

Acts 20:7 & 17

Acts 28:17-31

Romans 1:7

1 Corinthians 1:2

1 Corinthians 4:17

1 Corinthians 7:17

1 Corinthians 16:19

2 Corinthians 1:1

2 Corinthians 8:1

2 Corinthians 12:28

Galatians 1:2 & 22

Philippians 1:1

Colossians 1:2

Colossians 4:15 & 16

1 Thess. 1:1

2 Thess. 1:1

1 Timothy 3:15

Philemon 2

James 5:14

3 John 6 & 10

Rev. 1:4, 11 & 20

Rev. 2:1, 8, 12 & 18

Rev. 3:1, 7 & 14

Rev. 22:16

Conclusion

Have you ever thought of living in a world with no local churches? The local church is not perfect - far from it -- but it is the instrument of God to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ. There are many good Christian organizations with great causes, but they do not take the place of the local church. Most of them would fade away were it not for the support of Christians in local churches.

Jesus loved the church and gave Himself for it. He blesses the church that is true to the Word of God -- in its teaching and preaching ministries. Paul says, "Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for it; that He might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the Word" (Ephesians 5:25-26). The word for "wash" is the same word used for "laver." In the Greek the word is "loutron" -- in Hebrew "kiyor." In the tabernacle or the temple there was the laver where the priests washed before entering the sanctuary of God. That is the word Paul uses, the laver of the Word. Our Lord washes His church with the laver of the Word.