

FOLLOW-UP: THE CHURCH LIFE

A. Leading to church

1. Faith life
2. Belonging

B. What is church? (Eph1:22-23)

1. Etymology

The church = be called out, gathered and chosen

= the body of Christ (Col1:24)

= the temple of God (1Co3:16), the house of God built on the foundation and the pillars of truth (1Ti3:15)

The head of the church = the name Yeshua

Saints = members of the body of Yeshua (Eph1:23, 5:30)

2. The origin (Mt16:16-18)

My soul's life-dependent relationship to the church

(1) The body and the members (Eph1:23, 5:30; Col1:24)

(2) the vine and the branches (Jn15:1-8)

(3) The flock and the sheep (Ac20:28-31)

3. The owner of the church (Ac20:28; 1Co1:2; 2Co1:1; Eph1:22-23)

4. The authority of the church (Mt18:15-19; Ac6:1-11; 1Co5:1-5; Rev3:7-8)

The blasphemy against the Holy Spirit (Mt12:30-32)

5. The basis of the church (1Th2:1; He10:25)

6. The mission of the church (Mt28:19-20)

(1) Go and make disciples

Sent (Ac13:1-3)

The principle of sending (Ac14:27, 15:3-4, 22)

- (2) Baptize them
- (3) Teach them to obey
- (4) Lead them to receive the Holy Spirit (Ac2:1-4, 8:14-17, 10:44-48, 19:6)

7. The functions of the church

- (1) Worship (Jn4:24; Rm12:1; 1Pe2:5)
- (2) Fellowship (Rm12:10-13)
- (3) Service (Eph4:12; 1Pe4:10)
- (4) Evangelism (2Ti4:2-5)
- (5) Education (1Co4:17)

Faith life = spiritual life = church life