

Today's Message

What We Believe & Teach about the Church

Acts 10:17-34
Doctrine Matters
July 17, 2011

III. The Church is _____.

A believer's membership in the universal Church is to express itself through consistent worship with, service in, commitment and accountability to a local church. We believe the local church is God's primary vehicle for spreading the Gospel in the world.

What we're denying. . .

What we're affirming. . .

Scriptures:

IV. The Church has _____.

God raises up and gives a plurality of male elder-pastors to serve, lead, shepherd, and care for the local church.

What we're denying. . .

What we're affirming. . .

Scriptures:

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I. The Church is _____.

We believe God, by His Word and Spirit, creates the Church as He calls sinful humans out of the whole human race into the fellowship of His family. By that same Word and Spirit, He guides, grows and preserves His Church.

What we're denying. . .

What we're affirming. . .

Scriptures:

II. The Church is _____.

The universal Church, the global body of Christ, consists of all those who trust the person and work of Jesus Christ in all times, places and locations.

What we're denying. . .

What we're affirming. . .

Scriptures:

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Questions for Family Study, Self Study & Contemplation . . .

1. Read Acts 20:17-34. What is happening in this text and what does it teach us about the church?
2. What is individualism and how does it erode commitment to a local church? What is consumerism and how does it impact our church going?
3. Read 1 Timothy 3:15. What 3 things does Paul call the church? What does each conjure up in your mind?
4. Read 1 Peter 5:1-6. What does this passage have to do with the church?
5. We are living when people despise and are suspicious of formal structure. Why is that? Where in these Biblical passages you've looked at is organization and formal structure implied?