The Work Of The Church



The Work Of The Church "Church" used in three senses

1. Universal - all those called out of the world into the kingdom

Matthew 16:18 (p 1131) Ephesians 1:22-23 (p 1343)





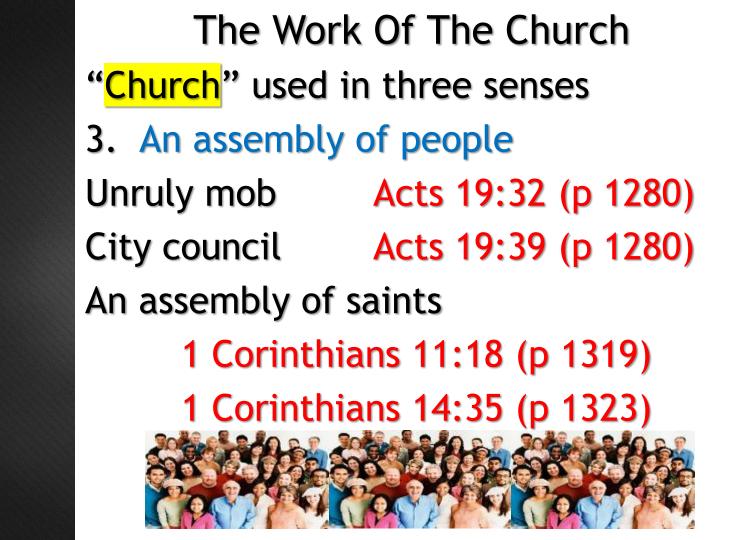
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2. Local - all those called out in a definite locality

1 Corinthians 1:2 (p 1310) Acts 15:22 (p 1273) Romans 16:16 (p 1309)





God established the LOCAL CHURCH as the only collective medium through which early **Christians worked!** Evangelism! **Edification! Benevolence!**



The Work Of The Church EVANGELISM

The first work of the church!

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God Romans 3:23 (p 1296) For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. Romans 1:16 (p 1294)

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And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned. Mark 16:15-16 (p 1176)

The Work Of The Church <u>E V A N G E L I S M</u>

The first work of the church!

The church is how the gospel is spread throughout the world Ephesians 3:10-11 (p 1344) Matthew 28:18-20 (p 1150) Philippians 2:16 (p 1350)



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Churches were evangelistic

- <u>Antioch</u> Acts 13:1-3 (p 1269)
- <u>Thessalonica</u>

For from you the word of the Lord has sounded forth, not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place. 1 Thessalonians 1:8 (p 1356) The Work Of The Church E V A N G E L I S M

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When Paul preached at <u>Corinth</u>, he took wages from other churches

2 Corinthians 11:8 (p 1334)

The church at <u>Philippi</u> assisted Paul financially in preaching the gospel Philippians 4:15-16 (p 1351) The Work Of The Church EDIFICATION

The church is to develop its own spiritual strength by edification Ephesians 4:11-16 (p 1345)

The evangelists are to proclaim the truth: Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching. 2 Timothy 4:2 (p 1368) The Work Of The Church EDIFICATION

Pastors or elders are to see the truth is taught in the church

Acts 20:28-31 (p 1281)

The church is to edify 1 Corinthians 14:12,26 (p 1322) The Work Of The Church BENEVOLENCE

Though the local church as responsibilities in the area of benevolence, THIS WORK IS LIMITED!

God limits the saints who the church may help

1 Timothy 5:16 (p 1364)

The Work Of The Church BENEVOLENCE Examples of NT Church helping Jerusalem Acts 2:44-45 (p 1255) Acts 4:32-35 (p 1257) Acts 6:1-6 (1259) A great famine Acts 11:27-30 (p 1268) Affected the saints; sent relief to the saints; through the elders

The Work Of The Church BENEVOLENCE

At another time when saints of the <u>Jerusalem</u> church became destitute, churches in <u>Macedonia</u>, <u>Achaia</u>, and <u>Galatia</u> sent money to alleviate the need at <u>Jerusalem</u>.

Romans 15:26 (p 1309) 1 Corinthians 16:1-3 (p 1325) The Work Of The Church There are limitations to what the church can do

Jesus answered and said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in heaven. And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it. And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." (Matthew 16:17-19)

Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call."

(Acts 2:38-39)