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“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)



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3. An assembly of people

Unruly mob **Acts 19:32 (p 1280)**

City council **Acts 19:39 (p 1280)**

An assembly of saints

1 Corinthians 11:18 (p 1319)

1 Corinthians 14:35 (p 1323)



God established the LOCAL CHURCH as the only collective medium through which early Christians worked!

Evangelism!

Edification!

Benevolence!

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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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EVANGELISM

The first work of the church!

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)

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EVANGELISM

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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EVANGELISM

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Churches were evangelistic

- Antioch Acts 13:1-3 (p 1269)
- Thessalonica

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)

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EVANGELISM

The first work of the church!

When Paul preached at Corinth, he took wages from other churches

2 Corinthians 11:8 (p 1334)

The church at Philippi assisted Paul financially in preaching the gospel

Philippians 4:15-16 (p 1351)

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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)**

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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)

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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)

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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

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

Romans 15:26 (p 1309)

1 Corinthians 16:1-3 (p 1325)

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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)