

Abraham's Seed: the Church



Romans 4: 16-18 explains that all who have faith in Jesus Christ are of the seed of Abraham. These children of Abraham come from all nations, rather than just Israel. The Church of Jesus Christ is mentioned 110 times in the New Testament. 93 times the focus is on the local church. The Church is not a building, but the people who worship in it. Church (ekklesia- Greek) means "called out ones." Jesus Christ is both God and king. He is also the head of the church. Each local congregation is an embassy of the kingdom of God. Each believer is a citizen of the kingdom of Heaven. 2 Corinthians 5: 20 explains that each believer is also an ambassador for Jesus Christ. As such, Christians represent Him wherever they go. Consequently, we should not present our own views, but those of Jesus Christ. We know His views by studying the Bible, which is the "word of God." We should always strive to glorify Him in all that we do.



Church Mission

Matthew 28: 18-20
And Jesus said to them, "All authority in Heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. and behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."



Church Structure

- 1 Timothy 3: 1-13
- PASTORS- the head elder
- ELDERS- a leader that must have both Christian character and the gift of teaching.
- DEACONS- a servant leader, must have Christian character.
- LAYMEN- church members
- 1 Corinthians 12: 1-30 - all believers are gifted by the Holy Spirit to do to glorify God and to serve others in the body of Christ.



Church Ordinances

- BAPTISM- Acts 2: 28. Believers should be immersed to symbolize their union with Jesus Christ. Baptism does not save, but obedience in it fulfills all righteousness.
- COMMUNION- 1 Corinthians 10: 16. The bread represents the broken body of Jesus Christ, and the wine represents His blood that was shed to free men from their sins.