

# The Church and the World



- The Church is mentioned in the New Testament 110 times
- The focus is on the local church 93 times
- The mission of this church is found in Matthew 28:18-20
- The Church has a structure of pastors, elders and deacons (1 Timothy 3:1-13)
- The Church is where the the ordinances of baptism and communion are done.

## The Church

1. Jesus Christ is God, the head of the church and the king of kings
2. Each local Church congregation is an embassy of the kingdom of God.
3. Jesus Christ established the Church as the present form of kingdom of God.
4. Christians are citizens of the kingdom of God, who are called out from the system of this world. Christians are also citizens from every nation in this world.
5. The church is a international kingdom, saved from God's wrath.
6. Each Christian gives his allegiance to Jesus Christ and to His kingdom.

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## The World

1. The nations of the world only have human rulers (Psalms 2)
2. The kingdoms of the world are in opposition to the kingdom of God.
3. God ordained the nations, with their lands, languages and people (Genesis 10: 5, 20, 32; Acts 17:26; Romans 13).
4. Those without Christ are only citizens of their nation and under the power of Satan.
5. The nations of the world will experience the wrath of God.
6. Those without Jesus Christ give their allegiance to themselves and to this world system

## The Christian and the World



1. World (Kosmos)- the system, or order that stands in rebellion to the God who created it. It is controlled by fallen angelic powers who desire to fight against the will of God.
2. John 12:31 Judgement is upon this world and its ruler (Satan) will be cast out.
3. John 14: 17 The world cannot receive the Spirit of truth.
4. John 15:18 If the world hates you, know that it hated Jesus Christ first.
5. John 16:33 You will have tribulation in this world, but take courage, because Jesus overcomes the world.
6. James 4:4 Friendship with the world is enmity towards God.
7. 1 John 2:15-18 Christians should not love the world.
8. 1 John 5:4 Whatever is born of God Overcomes the world.
9. 1 John 5:19 The whole world lies in the power of the evil one.