

The Church of Jesus Christ



- 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 sacraments 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 an 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 a part of the world system.
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

Christ and Culture



- **FORTIFICATION**- Christ against culture: history is the story of a rising church and a dying pagan culture. Jerusalem has nothing to do with Athens
- **ACCOMODATION**- Christ of Culture: history is the story of the Spirit's encounter with nature. Christians are a vital part of society.
- **DOMINATION**- Christ above culture: history is a period of preparation under the law, gospel and church for ultimate communion with God
- **BIFURCATION**- Christ and culture in paradox: history is a time of struggle between faith and unbelief
- **TRANSFORMATION**- Christ the transformer of culture: history is the story of God's mighty deeds and humanity's response to them. Christians should seek to transform culture according to the standards of God's word.