

## SERMON NOTES

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### What is the Church?

Ephesians 5:23-25

*“For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the Church, His body of which He is the Savior. Now as the Church submits to Christ, so also, wives should submit to their husbands in everything. Husbands love your wives as Christ loved the Church and gave Himself up for her.”*

Bible Metrics - There are approximately \_\_\_\_\_ Christian churches in the U.S. in 2025.

Around the world, Christianity is the largest religious group in the world, with an estimated \_\_\_\_\_ adherents.

#### Church History

33 AD the \_\_\_\_\_ began in Jerusalem

The Universal Church: Anyone , anywhere, any time since Pentecost who has accepted Christ as Savior.

The church grew from 12, to 120, to \_\_\_\_\_ almost overnight.

1050 AD Eastern Orthodox churches \_\_\_\_\_ split from the Roman Catholic Church.

1517 AD Protestant \_\_\_\_\_ began

Protestantism has divided into \_\_\_\_\_ camps – Reformed, Lutheran, Anabaptist and Anglican churches.

Non-denominational Church operate \_\_\_\_\_ without formal ties to an established denomination, focus on \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_ as the \_\_\_\_\_ authority for faith and practice.

The term Church = \_\_\_\_\_ an \_\_\_\_\_ . Today it means people who gather together, for the purpose of \_\_\_\_\_ God and \_\_\_\_\_ Him together.

Ephesians 5: 23-25 Christ is the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Church.

We are His \_\_\_\_\_

Our job is to \_\_\_\_\_ to and do the will of God.

Christ sacrificially gave up His \_\_\_\_\_ for you.

When God called Abraham, He was forming a \_\_\_\_\_ for Himself. "Church" is not a \_\_\_\_\_. It is a \_\_\_\_\_.

The Church is a Missional Movement that is \_\_\_\_\_ itself.

Jeremiah 6:16 *"This is what the LORD says: "Stand at the crossroads and look; ask for the \_\_\_\_\_ paths, ask where the \_\_\_\_\_ way is, and walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls..."*

In AD 30 there were \_\_\_\_\_ disciples

In AD 33 there were \_\_\_\_\_ disciples

Post Pentecost it grew to \_\_\_\_\_ disciples in one day.

By AD 100 there were \_\_\_\_\_ disciples.

By AD 310 there were \_\_\_\_\_ disciples.

What are our Ancient paths?

From Jesus teaching His disciples:

- We are called to live in \_\_\_\_\_ with God.  
WORSHIP
- We are called to live in \_\_\_\_\_ with others.  
FELLOWSHIP
- We are called to carry out His \_\_\_\_\_ to make disciples.  
DISCIPLESHIP

Ask yourself:

Will I worship God regularly in Bible study and prayer.

Will I seek our regular opportunities to be community with others?

Will I be His witness helping others to grow in faith?