

# Lesson Fifteen

## What do the Scriptures Teach Concerning the Church?

1. What do the Scriptures teach about the church of Jesus Christ?  
Romans 12:5 one body and members of each other – we are connected.  
Romans 8:9 members have the Spirit of Christ, (prophet, priest, & king).  
2 Timothy 2:19 Church has a strong, firm foundation. One on one relationship, Personal.  
Ephesians 5:25-27 the Church is Christ's Bride – we submit to Him.  
John 14:6 message of salvation comes through the proclamation of the church – urgent!  
It is a singular and exclusive message!
2. What is the purpose of the local congregation?  
Matthew 28:20 to teach and reach, to baptize, administer the Grace of God.  
Acts 2:42 Worship, Teach, Fellowship (encourage and lift-up), Prayer.  
Ephesians 4:11-13 Equip the saints for work, faith, knowledge and maturity.  
*Add: Heb 10:25 – to encourage one another.*
3. What do we owe to the church of Jesus Christ?  
Acts 2:47 Praising God.  
1 Corinthians 12:27 (21-26) our service and work (unprejudiced).  
John 8:31-32 Study His work and take it to heart. –Don't be distracted by good things.  
2 Thessalonians 3:1 Pray for the spreading of the Word of God.  
1 Thessalonians 5:12-13 Don't hold Church leaders in contempt (Heb 13:17).  
Romans 12:6-8 Use gifts appropriately.  
1 Corinthians 16:2 Offerings, Stewardship .  
1 Corinthians 9:14 the leaders & members should live by the Gospel .
4. What should we be looking for or asking when we join a church?  
Acts 17:11 Does the church teach and live by the word of God?