

The Church

Homework Assignment

1. Read **II Corinthians 8:1-24**
2. Read **I Corinthians 12:1-31**

Lesson Outline

I. Her Form

- i. Assembly - Ekklesia
 1. Non-religious purpose – **Acts 19:32, 39, 41**
 2. A coming together in a common place
 - a. **I Corinthians 1:2**
 - b. **I Corinthians 11:18**
 - c. **I Corinthians 16:19 & Colossians 4:15**
 - d. **Acts 11:26**
 3. Several locations denote several churches
 - a. **Acts 15:41**
 - b. **II Corinthians 8:1**
 4. Church (assembly) in prospect
 - a. **Ephesians 5:25-27**
 - b. **Hebrew 12:22-23**
- ii. Members
 1. Saved and baptized
 - a. **Acts 2:41**
 - b. **Acts 2:47**
 - c. **I Corinthians 12:13**
- iii. Local Visible Body of Baptized Believers
 1. Fellowship among churches
 - a. **II Corinthians 8:1-24**
 2. Fellowship in a church
 - a. **I Corinthians 12:12-27**

II. Her Officers

- i. Not Necessary For Her Existence, But For Her Well-Being
 1. **I Corinthians 12:28**
 2. **Ephesians 4:11-16**

ii. Pastors – Bishops, Elders

1. A shepherd to feed God's sheep
 - a. **John 21:15-17**
2. One to take care of God's church
 - a. Qualifications – **I Timothy 3:1-7**
 - b. Plurality of elders in one church – **Acts 20:17, 28**
 - c. **I Peter 5:1-4**
3. A leader in the Lord's church
 - a. **I Timothy 5:17-19**
4. One who preaches to truth
 - a. **II Timothy 2:15**

iii. Deacons

1. Their authorization and qualifications
 - a. **Acts 6:1-7**
 - b. **I Timothy 3:8-13**
2. Their responsibilities
 - a. Serve tables (physical needs) – **Acts 6:1-2**
 - b. Assist elders – **Acts 6:3-4**
 - c. work in spiritual areas
 - i.) Stephen – **Acts 6:8 thru Acts 7:60**
 - ii.) Philip – **Acts 8:26-40**

III. Her Origin

- i. Prophesied
 1. **Daniel 2:44-45**
 2. **Ezekiel 17:22-24**
 3. **Isaiah 2:2-3**
 4. **Ezekiel 37:21-28**
- ii. Fulfilled
 1. Material prepared by John the Baptist – **Luke 7:24-28**
 2. Organized by Jesus – **Luke 6:12-20**

IV. Her Relationship to Jesus

- i. Intimate
 1. **Matthew 16:13-18**
- ii. Espoused Bride
 1. **I Corinthians 11:23-26**

V. Her Responsibilities

i. The Great Commission – **Matthew 28:16-20**

1. Go into all the world
2. Preach the Gospel
3. Make disciples
4. Baptize
5. Teach

ii. A Citadel of Truth – **I Timothy 3:15**

iii. Maintain Two Ordinances

1. Baptism – **Matthew 28:19**
2. Lord's Supper – **I Corinthians 11:23-26**

VI. Her Government

i. An Executive Democracy

1. Jesus is our King – **Ephesians 5:24**
2. Each member has an equal voice (vote)
 - a. **Romans 14:1** – (written to entire church)
 - b. **I Corinthians 5:4-5 & 13** – (written to entire church)
 - c. **Acts 10:47**
3. Final Authority Here on Earth
 - a. Because God has given this authority
 - i.) **Matthew 18:15-20**
 - ii.) **I Corinthians 6:1-6**