

LESSON 16: THE CHURCH: HER ATTRIBUTES

The Church is the people

The church is _____

Bible Study: Ephesians 2:11-22

1. How does God want ethnicity and nationality to be reflected in the Church?

2. Why would the Gospel be characterized here as “peace”?

3. What is the foundation of the church? What does this imply?

4. What implications can be drawn from the fact that the church is a building in which God’s Spirit dwells?

Aspects to the Church

With respect to the Church we distinguish these aspects

These describe _____

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The 4 attributes of the Church

With the _____ we confess the Church to have these four attributes:

_____ - _____ of the church
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These attributes describe what the church is

Be what you are

A believer is free from the power of sin.

Hence a believer should live without sin. But believers do still sin.

Hence: _____

The church is one, holy, universal, and apostolic.

Hence the church should be four things. But this world is a broken world.

Hence: _____

One Church

God has only one covenant for mankind.

The oneness of the church _____

Holy Church

The Church is holy because she is the only group of people that belong to the one true God and His Son. This holiness will show itself in the Church being obedient and faithful to God in all she is & does.

The holiness of the church _____

Catholic (universal) Church

The Church is not tied to a specific people, to the exclusion of others. The Church is for all people of all places and all ages and all levels of society.

The universality of the church _____

Apostolic (Bible-believing) Church

The Church is Apostolic or Christian because she is ruled by the Word of Christ alone. The Church is Bible believing. The Church will seek to understand the Scriptures and uphold its teaching.

The apostolicity of the church _____
