

Introduction To Ekklesia

Part #3

What Man Has Built The Man Plan

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What is “Church”?

Let's Ask Webster

- 1: a building for public and especially Christian worship
- 2: the clergy or officialdom of a religious body the word *church* is put for the persons that are ordained for the ministry of the Gospel, that is to say, the clergy - J. Ayliffe
- 3 *often capitalized* : a body or organization of religious believers: such as *a* : the whole body of Christians the one *church* is the whole body gathered together from all ages — J. H. Newman *b*: denomination the Presbyterian *church*
- 4: a public divine worship: he goes to *church* every Sunday
- 5: the clerical profession: He considered the *church* as a possible career

Let's Summarize

According To Webster's Dictionary Church is:

1. A Building
2. The Clergy
3. The Organization
4. A Denomination
5. A Public Divine Worship Service
6. A Clerical Profession



Where does the word Church come from?

The etymology or original roots of the word



- It comes from Old English *cirice*
- Which came from the Dutch *kerk*
- Which came from the German *kirche*
- Which came from a Greek word: "kyriakon"
- "kyriakon" = of the lord, lord's, or god's
- It is used twice in N.T.:
- I Cor 11:20 – "the Lord's supper"
- Rev 1:10 – "the Lord's Day"

How Did Ekklesia Become Church?

It didn't happen overnight, but it began with Constantine

- In the 4th Century Constantine made Christianity the acceptable State Religion.
- After 325 A.D. "kyriakon" was used to refer to the pagan temples being used by the Christian Believers:
- "kyriakon doma" meaning "lord's house, or god's house"



Who Started the First Church?

We can thank a pagan, sun-worshipping King, Constantine for that.

- Made Christianity Acceptable
- Brought Christians into Pagan Temples
- Mixed Paganism with Christianity
- Christians identified with the building
- Made Christianity the State Religion
- Under the authority of the Pagan King
- Essentially, started the first “church.”



All Churches today are built upon the pagan foundation of the Roman Catholic Church and NOT the Biblical Foundation of Ekklesia!

How Did Church Get Into Our Bibles?

William Tyndale, Translation 1525 of Matthew 16:18 “And I saye also vnto the yt thou arte Peter: and apon this rocke I wyll bylde my congregacion. And the gates of hell shall not prevayle ageynst it.”

- King James was King of Scotland & England from 1567 to 1625.
- In 1611 King James directed the KJV Translators to intentionally mis-translate “ekklesia” as CHURCH
- Appointed 47 Anglican Bishops
- Gave Instructions to Mis-Translate Bible
- 3. “The old ecclesiastical words to be kept, as the word *church*, not to be translated *congregation*.” King James Instructions To Translators
- Inserted the word “Church” 115 times for the word “Ekklesia” which was previously translated “Congregation” (3 times Acts 19: Assembly)

Quotes From Others

Hugo McCord, *The Everlasting Gospel*, 2010 Edition, in the appendix

“To make this translation as accurate as possible, the word *church* is eliminated. The word *church* historically refers to a physical building, a meeting house, which the Lord’s people in the First Century did not build, and for which there is no New Testament word. William Tyndale knew that the word *church* is an inaccurate translation of the New Testament word *ekklesia*, which simply means called out. So Tyndale, in the first English translation of the New Testament from Greek in 1525, eliminated *church* in favor of congregation. King James I, having a vested interest in the word *church*, since he was head of the Church of England, did not like the change, and so he ordered the forty seven translators of the King James version to use the word *church*.”

Quotes From Others

Daniel Gruber, *The Separation of Church & Faith*

- “There is no *church* in the Biblical text. The *Church* is not the Biblical Ekklesia. Every time you see the word *church* in a Bible, you are seeing a place where translators did not translate the text, but distorted it instead, for the sake of tradition.”

Quotes From Others

Dean Briggs, *Ekklesia Rising*, pg 104

- “Words create culture. By adopting the word church with it’s totally different etymology, instead of the more contextually accurate word of Christ, Ekklesia, the movement of God has been stuck in a rut for 2000 years. Don’t believe me? Pick up any dictionary. Look up “*church*.” See if it lists *ekklesia* as the Greek root. Hint: it won’t. What it will tell you is that *church* derives from the Late Greek word *kyriakon*.”

Quotes From Others

Steve Simms, *Beyond Church, An Invitation To Experience The Lost Word Of The Bible – Ekklesia*, pg16

- “In 1525, one of the first people to translate the Bible into English, William Tyndale, translated the word *ekklesia* as congregation. However, in 1611 the translators of the King James version of the Bible chose to completely drop the Greek meaning of *ekklesia* and replace it with the English word *church*. Since then, almost all English translators have followed the King James example and switched our the meaning of the word *ekklesia* with the English word *church*.
- Does this matter? Does this really mean anything? **Yes Indeed!** It means that in the main language of the world, the Bible has a mistranslation of the word *ekklesia*”

The Man Plan & The Real Thing

What Man Has Built vs. What Christ Is Building

CHURCH

- A Building
- The Clergy
- A Denomination
- An Institution
- A Public Worship Service
- A Clerical Profession
- A RELIGION & A CEO

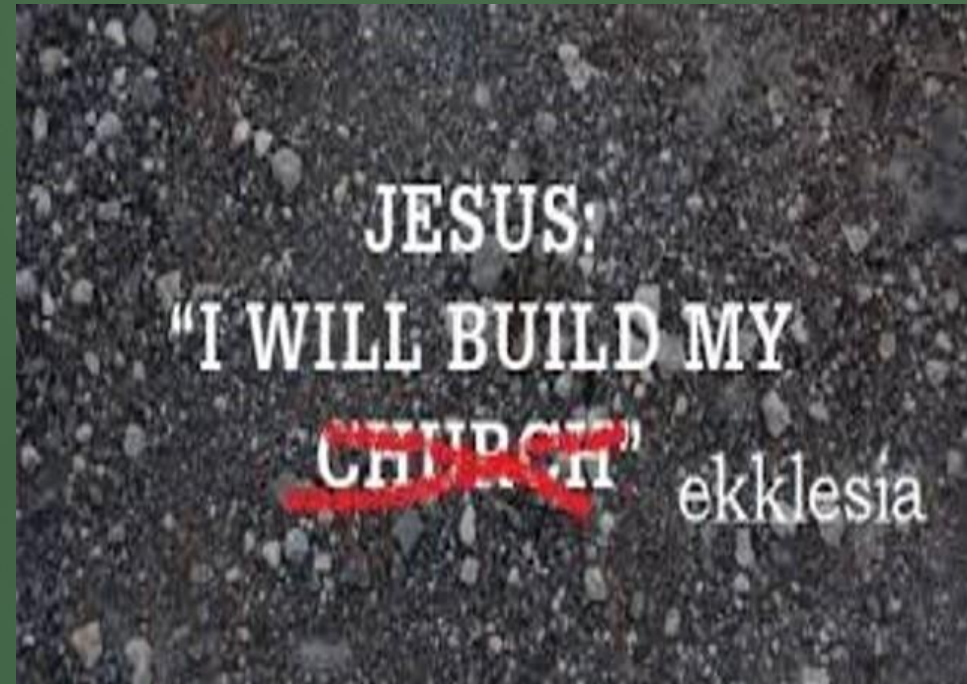
EKKLESIA

- A Called Out Assembly
- Governmental Assembly
- Ruling Legislative Council
- Kingdom of Heaven on Earth
- Representatives of The King
- Ambassadors of Heaven
- A GOVERNMENT & AN ARMY

CONCLUSION

- “On the one hand, if all we want is church, we’ve got it. But if Jesus wants an Ekklesia, we don’t” Dean Briggs, *Ekklesia Rising*, pg 106
- Jesus said, “Upon this rock I will build My ekklesia,” NOT Church.
- 'And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”’

Matthew 28:18-20 NASB



“While the church slept,
the enemy disciplined the
nations.”

1-28-16

Defeated Enemy

The Spirit of God says, "There is an army arising from the dust and ashes from many battles and enemy clashes. This army that's arising is coming in my glory and light, and the battle that's about to unfold shall put the enemy to flight. For my army is about to hit the beaches and shores of every country and nation afar, and they shall drive back the army of darkness at the sound of my shofar! For my army will be young and old and will save over 1 billion souls."

The Spirit of God says, "There is nothing that the enemy can do to stop this that I the Lord God have started, for it is now time for the army of darkness to be departed. For the souls of this nation and all over the world are crying out to me. My Army! Bring them in, and I will save, deliver, and comfort thee. Arise! Army of God! Arise! Your work is not complete, for the kingdom of darkness is in for its biggest surprise, complete and utter defeat! Arise! My Army! Get in the fight, I say with great emphasis! Over take, terminate, and destroy the Army of darkness with Extreme Prejudice!"

Your Supreme Commander GOD!

Babylonian Prison

The Spirit of God says, "There's a beast in the east that's trying to arise that thinks he's the best, but I have one in the west that will give him a godly surprise and take him down to the least. For this beast that has risen is no surprise, for my church is in a Babylonian prison, come out of her or it will be your demise!"

The Spirit of God says, "The chaos and clatter that the earth is in, is directly related to the Babylonian box that the so called church is in. For my earth is moaning and groaning for my sons and daughters to arise with bliss. Where is my Army that will send this beast back to the abyss? For how can you take on a beast when you're deaf, mute, and blind? For all beasts are ancient and old, and lurk about seeking an enemy whom they can steam roll. For this beast has no teeth and lurks in the brush, trying to lure you into an ambush. Do not attack until you come out of her that Babylonian system, or you will fall prey and be decimated beyond comprehension."

The Spirit of God says, "For when my people realize the curse they are under, and come out, break the curse, then they will plunder. For as they come out of her with a mass exodus, there I will be, to restore her back to my body and I as the head she will have power, authority, and unity again and the enemy shall fall as dead! For you wonder why the world is so perverse, it's because my church has forsaken her first love and is under a curse. Come out of her now don't walk but run and do not wait, before you cross the point of no return for then it's too late. Come back to me, come back to me and make me your first love I have dearly yearned, for some it's already too late, for they have not learned."