

G R E A T B I B L E W O R D S

Church

Introduction: Immediately after Peter's sermon on the day of Pentecost about 3,000 souls were added to the group. Before the chapter ends Luke tells us more about this group, or assembly, referring to them as the church (**Acts 2:41, 47**). The word in the original Greek text is "ecclesia" and it is found hundred and 14 times the New Testament. One of the references tells us that collectively they were called the churches of Christ (**Romans 16:16**). Let's study this great Bible word together...

Discussion:

I. The Church of Christ Is/Was A Pure Church

- A. The church must remove sin (**Joshua 7:13, Acts 5:1-11**).
- B. The church must represent righteousness (**I Corinthians 6:11, Ephesians 5:1-5**).
- C. The church must remain pure (**Titus 1:15, Ephesians 5:25-27**).
- D. The church must regard church discipline (**I Corinthians 5:6, II Thessalonians 3:6**).

II. The Church of Christ Is/Was A Sound Church

- A. The church must be sound in the faith (**I Timothy 1:10, Titus 1:9, 13, 2:1-2, Jude 3**).
- B. The church must be sound in doctrine (**II Timothy 1:13, 4:3, II Peter 2:1**).
- C. The church must be sound in living (**Romans 12:1-2, Colossians 2:5, II Peter 3:17**).
- D. The church must not be sound asleep (**Revelation 2-3, Ephesians 5:14**).

III. The Church of Christ Is/Was An Evangelistic Church

- A. The church must be aware of the Great Commission (**Matthew 28:18-20, Mark 16:15-16**).
- B. The church must be aware of the lost souls (**II Thessalonians 1:7-9, Luke 19:10**).
- C. The church must have a love for the lost (**Romans 1:14-17, 10:1, Hebrews 5:12-14**).
- D. The church must seek and save the lost (**Luke 19:10, Acts 1:7-8, 2:42-47**).

IV. The Church of Christ Is/Was An Educated Church

- A. The church must read the Bible (**Acts 17:11, II Timothy 2:15, I Peter 3:15**).
- B. The church must follow the Bible (**Psalms 119, II Timothy 1:5, 2:14-15**).
- C. The church must teach the Bible (**Hebrews 5:12-14, II Peter 2:22, 3:18**).
- D. The church must encourage people to be good teachers and preachers (**II Timothy 2:2**).

Conclusion: We need to be added to the church of Jesus Christ so that we can work, worship, and walk together in the kingdom. Have you been covered by the blood of Jesus in baptism? Have you confessed the name of Jesus in the presence of witnesses? Have you repented of your sins? Are you living a faithful life in Christ as a new creature? Let's share this wonderful word with others!