

**Series: The Son of Man**

**Title: The Lord's Church**

**Text: Luke 6:12-18**

**What is the Church?**

**What is it to you?** A building? A group of precious people?

**What is it to God?** (1 Tim 3:15) *Pillar & Ground of Truth*

It belongs to Him. Matt 16:18 "*Build MY Church*"

It is where God does His work – Eph 3:20

It is where He gets Glory – Eph 3:21

It is what Christ gave himself for on Cross – Eph 5:25

It is a glorious & Holy thing – Eph 5:27

**When did it start?** Not in the Old Testament

(Matt 16:18) *Upon this rock I will build my church.*

Peter=*Petros*-A individual stone: Jn 1:42 Cephas=A Stone

Peter said (1 Pet 2:8) Jesus was rock.

Paul Said Jesus was the foundation stone: 1 Cor 3:11-12

**Jesus Founded His church on Himself.**

(1 Cor 12:28) *1<sup>st</sup> Church was the Apostles*

(Lk 6:12-16) "*chose 12*"

(Mark 3:13-14) "*Ordained 12*"

**What is it made up of?**

**Eph 2:19-22** Fitly Framed/Cohesive: Made of People

**1Cor 12:12-27** Every Church Member Matters

**Where is the Church at?** *EKKLESIA* *Called out Assembly*

**The church was known by its location such as in ...**

2 Corinthians 1:1 "*the church of God which is at Corinth*"

Colossians 4:16 "*the church of the Laodiceans; .....*";

1 Thessalonians 1:1 "*the church of the Thessalonians*";

**How do I become a part of this thing?**

**1. Have to be baptized** – Acts 2:41- Adds us to the church.

**2. Have to be saved!** Acts 2:41 *received his word*

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**What is the purpose of the Local Church?**

**1 Tim 3:15** *Pillar and Ground of the Truth!*

**Jn 4:23-24** *Worship Him in Spirit and in Truth.*

**Matt 28:19-20** *The Great 3 fold Commission!*

**Evangelize the Lost**

**Baptize the Saved**

**Disciple the Saved**

**Why is Church Membership so Important?**

**It's a Command!** Heb 10:25

**We need it to Encourage us!** Heb 10:24

**We need it to Help us!**

Prov 27:17 *Iron Sharpeneth Iron*

2 Tim 2:2 To teach us!

1 Tim 5:20 To correct us!

Rom 10:17 Our Faith Grows!

1 Cor 1:21 People get saved!

**Everything we do must work toward fulfilling these.**

**A Local, Visible, Assembly, of Baptized Believers who have covenanted together to carry out God's Great commission.**