

The Church of Christ Universal and Local

Matthew 16:13-18


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If The Lord Built More Than One Church Then ...

- Text of Matthew 16:18 grammatically incorrect.
- He approves of them all.
- He is self-contradictory.
- Contradicts God's law of production and reproduction.
- He is the head of them all.
- Blood of Christ – No benefit.
- Built something He prayed against.
- Couldn't be a member based on conviction.
- He would be a spiritual polygamist.
- Wouldn't make any difference what we preach.
- Christ made a mistake in addition.

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What is the Church?



ekklesia: "to call out of" ...
"the called out ones"

Assembly of Saved

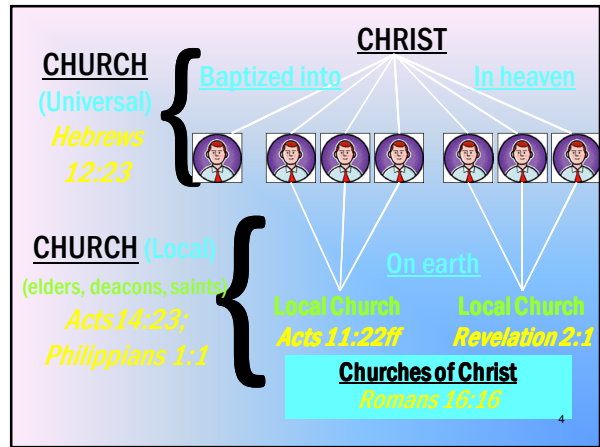
"Called out" of darkness
by God, by the gospel
1 Peter 2:9-10;
2 Thessalonians 2:14

The Redeemed
Matthew 16:18

An Assembly

- Israel, *Acts 7:38*
- Riot, *Acts 19:32, 41*
- Governmental body, *Acts 19:39*

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Universal	Traits	Local
One (Matthew 16:18; Ephesians 5:25-27; 4:4).	Number	Many (Romans 16:16; Galatians 1:2)

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Universal	Traits	Local
Heaven and earth (Hebrews 12:23; Ephesians 3:15).	Location	Earth (1 Corinthians 1:2; Revelation 2:1).

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Universal	Traits	Local
Saints and saved (1 Corinthians 1:2; Acts 2:47; Ephesians 5:26) All the saved in this.	Membership composed of	Some of the saints (1 Corinthians 1:2) and some of the saved (1 Corinthians 15:2).

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Universal	Traits	Local
Added to (Acts 2:47) Baptized into (1 Corinthians 12:13)	How entered	Joins (Acts 9:26, "kollao – to unite, to join oneself to")

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Universal	Traits	Local
Name blotted out (Revelation 3:5). Gathered out (Matthew 13:41-42).	How to cease to be a part of	Physical death (1 Thessalonians 4:13-14) Disfellowship (1 Corinthians 5:1-5). Cast out (3 John 10). Disassociate oneself (1 John 2:19; 2 Timothy 4:10) ⁹

Universal	Traits	Local
Head (Ephesians 1:22-23). Chief Shepherd (1 Peter 5:4). King (Revelation 19:16). [*]	Organization	Saints, bishops, and deacons (Philippians 1:1; Acts 14:23; 1 Peter 5:2).

^{*}These words indicate the absolute authority of Christ but reveal no organizational structure.

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Universal	Traits	Local
Does not assemble. Has no treasury. Does not function in work or in worship.	As an organization	Assembles (1 Corinthians 14:23). Has a treasury (1 Corinthians 16:1-3). Functions in worship and work (Acts 20:7; 2 Corinthians 8:1; 11:8).

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Universal	Traits	Local
Satan can't destroy (Daniel 2:44).	Destiny	Can destroy (Revelation 2:5).

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