

The church in Irving

Fellowship Time

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Life Lessons, Lesson Twelve—Knowing the Church

I. What the Church Is

a. The Called-out Assembly

Matt. 16:18 “...upon this rock I [Christ] will build My church...”

b. The Body of Christ

Eph. 1:22-23 “...the church, which is His Body, the fullness of the One who fills all in all.”

c. The Counterpart of Christ

Eph. 5:25 “Husbands, love your wives even as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her.”

d. The House of God

1 Tim. 3:15 “...that you may know how one ought to conduct himself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and base of the truth.”

e. The New Man

Col. 3:10-11 “And have put on the new man, which is being renewed unto full knowledge according to the image of Him who created him, where there cannot be Greek and Jew, circumcision and uncircumcision, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free man, but Christ is all and in all.”

II. The Constituents of the Church

1 Cor. 1:2 “To the church of God...those who have been sanctified in Christ Jesus, the called saints...”

III. The Universal and Local Aspects of the Church

IV. The Designation of the Church

a. It Has No Special Name

b. It May Be Designated by the Name of Its Locality

References

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