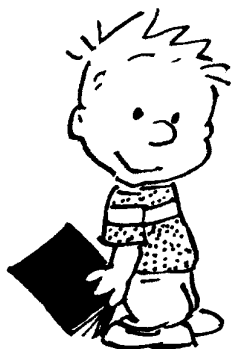


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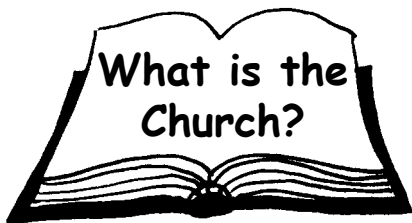
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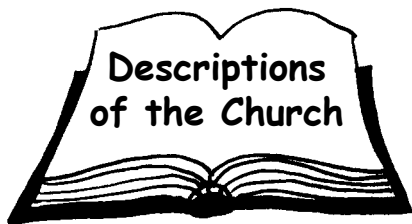
To the church of God which is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, with all who in every place call on the name of Jesus Christ our Lord (1 Corinthians 1:2).

When God speaks in the Bible about the church, he does not mean a building where services are held. The real church is the people of God, those who belong to him. The church is all over the world, made

up of the people everywhere who call on the name of the Lord Jesus.

The church is also the group of people that meet together regularly to worship God.





## Christian

And when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. So it was that for a whole year they assembled with the church and taught a great many people. And the disciples were first called Christians in Antioch (Acts 11:26).

Christian is one of the names given to those who follow the Lord Jesus Christ - those who are part of the church.

Barnabas and Paul worked with the church in Antioch, preaching and teaching. There the followers of Jesus Christ were first called Christians. Only people who trust in Jesus can be called Christians.





## Believers

**And believers were increasingly added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women (Acts 5:14).**

A believer is someone who believes the truth about the Lord Jesus Christ. A man once asked Paul, 'What must I do to be saved?' The answer was very simple - 'Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and you shall be saved.'

God, the Holy Spirit, gives the power to believe. Many people can merely know about Jesus - who he was and what he did.



A true believer will have a personal relationship with Jesus and will put his trust in him.





## Faithful

**To the saints and faithful brothers in Christ who are in Colosse: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ (Colossians 1:2).**

When Paul wrote to the church which met at Colosse he called them saints and faithful brothers. They did not just try to do their best to please God; they knew they could not trust their own goodness. They put all their faith and trust in the Lord Jesus Christ. They knew that He had given His life for them.