

Seven Ways Of Speaking Of The Church

Church - Matt. 16:18.

Kingdom - Matt. 16:19.

Army - Eph. 6:10-11.

Vineyard - Matt. 20:1-16.

House Of The Lord - Isa. 2:1-2.

Body - Eph. 1:22-23.

Temple - 1 Cor. 3:16; Eph. 2:21-22.

Called Out - 1 Thess. 2:12; Rom. 10:13;
1 Pet. 2:9.

Promised - Lk. 22:29-30; Acts 1:6;
Col. 1:13.

Soldier - 2 Tim. 2:3; 1 Tim. 6:12.

Workers - Gal. 6:4; 1 Cor. 3:12-13;
Tit. 1:6; Rev. 14:13; 22:12.

Family - 1 Tim. 3:15; Mt. 6:1-9; 1 Pet. 2:5.

Church - Col. 1:18, 24; Jno. 17:20-21; 1 Cor. 12:12-13.

Body-Church - 1 Cor. 3:16-17; 2 Cor. 6:16.

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INTRO: We are living in a time when man has tried to destroy the holy institution, the church. People are saying, "Christ, yes! The Church, no!" Ignorance and prejudice have blinded them to the fact that you cannot separate the two. Jesus bought the church with his own blood. Acts 20:28. Note again Tit. 2:14; 1 Pet. 2:9; Rev. 5:9-10. These verses refer to that group of people called the church. The *ekklesia*, the called out. *Ek* means "out"; *Kaleo* means "to call." These are the born-again Christians that have been called out of sin into holy living; those who are in Christ are in that body. At this time we want to notice seven ways of speaking of the church. Seven is a complete number. This is a complete way of speaking of the church. There are more ways, but this is enough for all to understand the importance of the church by the way it is spoken of.

I. CHURCH. MATT. 16:18.

The *ekklesia* are the called out. 1 Thess. 2:12; Rom. 10:13; 1 Pet. 2:9.

II. KINGDOM. MATT. 16:19.

Luke 22:29-30; Acts 1:6. Jesus told the Apostles to wait in Jerusalem for the promise of the Father. Acts 1:4. They were to be baptized of the Holy Spirit. They were to receive power when the Holy Spirit came. Acts 1:8. When the power came, the kingdom came. Mark 9:1. That power came in Acts 2. The kingdom came in Acts 2. The kingdom and the church are the same. Matt. 16:18-19. The brethren at Colossae were in the kingdom. Col. 1:13.

III. ARMY. EPH. 6:10-11.

The army of the Lord does not fight against flesh and blood. Eph. 6:12. We fight against principalities, powers, world rulers of this darkness, and spiritual hosts of wickedness.

God's people are soldiers. 2 Tim. 2:3; 1 Tim. 6:12. The soldier's armor is mentioned in Eph. 6:13-18.

IV. VINEYARD.

"For the kingdom of heaven is like unto a man that was a householder, who went out early in the morning to hire laborers into his vineyard." Matt. 20:1-16. Workers in the vineyard. Gal. 6:4; 1 Cor. 3:12-13; Tit. 1:16; Rev. 22:12.

V. HOUSE OF THE LORD. READ ISA. 2:1-4.

House of the Lord speaks of the church as family. 1 Tim. 3:15. 1 Pet. 2:15.

VI. BODY. EPH. 1:22-23.

The body is the church. Col. 1:18; Col. 1:24; John 17:21-22; 1 Cor. 12:12-13. There is one body. Eph. 4:4-5.

VII. TEMPLE. 1 COR. 3:16; EPH. 2:21-22.

The temple is the body—the church. 1 Cor. 3:16-17; 2 Cor. 6:16.

CONCL: We can see how important the church is. It is the kingdom of Christ, His army. Where we work in His vineyard. It is the Lord's house, which is His family. He only has one body and it is the Church, the temple where God dwells. Important? Enough for Christ to die for!