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THE BIBLE & THE NT CHURCH PART I

1. **Our English Word “Church” & The Greek Word “Ekklesia”** *Ekklesia* is found 77X - 76V in the Gk NT. It is found over 100X in the Septuagint (Greek OT). The word “ek” means *out, from* and “kaleo” is *to call* (ie: the called out). Who is the called out? Actually *ekklesia* was *transliterated*, meaning to represent or spell in the characters of another alphabet, as was the Greek word *baptizo*, which literally means *to immerse*. These words weren’t translated – they were transliterated:

Greek

ekklesia

baptizo

Transliteration

church

baptize

Translation

the called out

immerse

Does it help your concept of “*the church*” to know it is literally “the called out”? _____ (1 Pet 2:9) “*That ye should _____ the praises of him who hath _____ out of darkness into his _____ light.*” This means that penitent believers are called from sin to Christ.

2. **The Body Of Christ** “*And he is the head of the body, the church.*” Scripture? _____ “*For his body's sake, which is the church.*” Scripture? _____ (Eph 1:22-23) “*And hath put all _____ under his _____, and gave him to be the _____ over all things to the _____, Which is his _____, the fulness of him that _____ all in all.*”
3. **The House of God** (1 Tim 3:15) “*In the _____ of God, which is the _____ of the _____ God.*” The Apostle speaks of doing “*good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.*” Scripture? _____ In these scriptures we find *the church* being referred to as _____ of God, the _____ of the _____ God & as the _____ of _____. This is the family aspect. We are *children of God* (1 Jn 5:2) and the family of God.
4. **The Temple Of God** (1 Cor 3:16-17) “*Know ye not that ye are the _____ of God, and that the _____ of God dwelleth in you? If any man _____ the temple of _____, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is _____, which temple ye are.*” Christians (1 Cor 12:27) comprise the spiritual temple. Note: “*Your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you.*” Scripture? _____ (a) We are *temples* of the Holy Spirit individually. (b) We collectively constitute the one temple of God. That’s why Paul said: (Rom 12:1-2) *Present your _____ a living _____, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your _____ service.*”
5. **The Kingdom: of heaven, of God, Christ and of God, of his dear Son, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ** John, The Immerser preached, “*Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.*” Scripture? _____ In Mark’s gospel (1:14), “*Jesus came into _____, preaching the gospel of the kingdom _____.*” Paul warned the Ephesians (5:5) that the wicked would have no, “*inheritance in the kingdom of _____ and of _____.*” God (Col 1:13) “*hath delivered us from the _____ of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his _____ Son.*”