

## THEOLOGY 101

*Week 5 – The Doctrine of the Church*

### WHAT IS THE CHURCH?

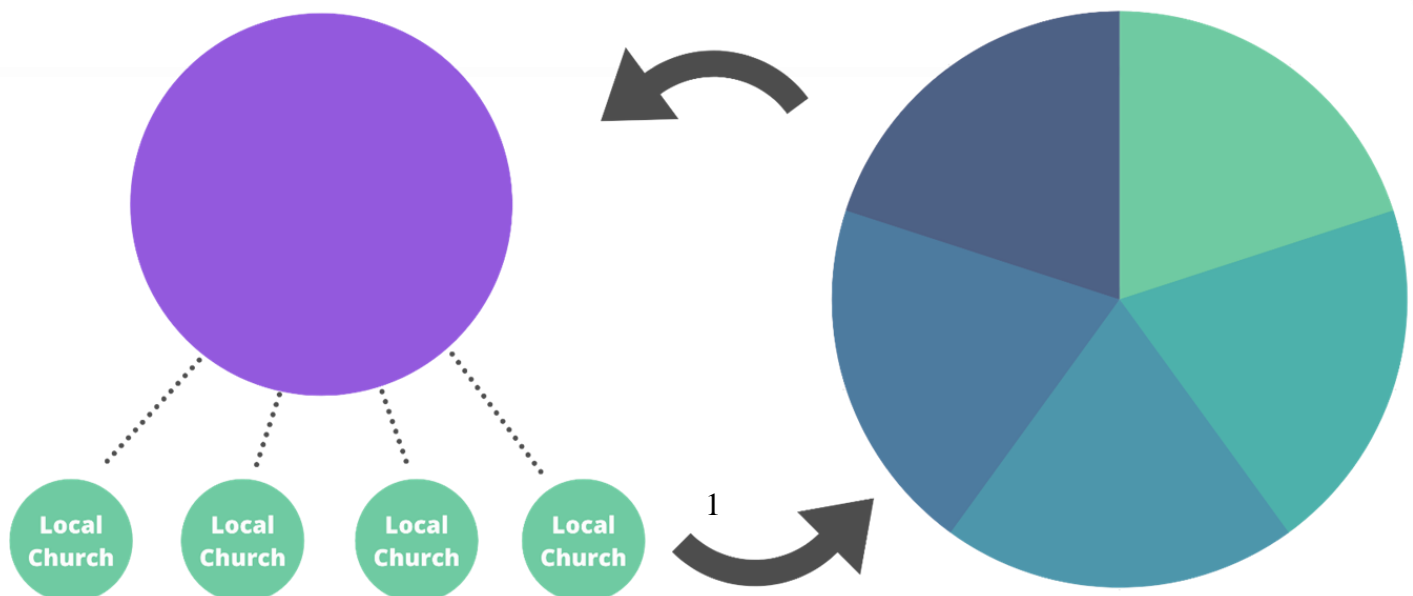
Defining Terms: **Εκκλησία** (ekklesia) - \_\_\_\_\_

#### **Definition:**

“The church is the people of God who have been saved through repentance and faith in the gospel of Jesus Christ and incorporated into his body through baptism with the Holy Spirit. It consists of two interrelated elements: the \_\_\_\_\_ church and the \_\_\_\_\_ church. The universal church becomes manifested in local churches characterized by being doxological, logocentric, pneumadynamic, covenantal, and missional.

Local churches are led by pastors (or elders) and served by deacons, possess and pursue purity and unity and exercise \_\_\_\_\_. In terms of its mission, the church regularly gathers to worship the triune God, proclaim his Word, celebrate the \_\_\_\_\_ of baptism and the Lord’s Supper, engage non-Christians with the gospel, exercise spiritual gifts, disciple their members, care for people through prayer and giving.”

### UNIVERSAL VS. LOCAL CHURCH



## **5 BIBLICAL CHARACTERISTICS OF A LOCAL CHURCH:**

### **1. *DOXOLOGICAL* – CENTERED ON THE GLORY OF GOD**

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### **2. *LOGOCENTRIC* – CENTERED ON THE WORD OF GOD**

Two Senses: The \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ Word of God

1. \_\_\_\_\_ – The Incarnate Word of God
2. \_\_\_\_\_ - The Inspired Word of God

### **The Sufficiency of Scripture**

Definition: “The sufficiency of Scripture means that Scripture contains everything we need God to tell us for salvation, for \_\_\_\_\_ him perfectly, and for \_\_\_\_\_ him perfectly.”

### **Biblical Evidence:**

- i. 2 Timothy 3:16 - \_\_\_\_\_
- ii. 2 Peter 1:3-4 - \_\_\_\_\_

### **Expository vs. Topical Preaching:**

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Biblical Counseling vs. Integrationism:

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Critique of Integrationism:

1. The Bible doesn't need to speak about \_\_\_\_\_ to be \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Psychology functions out of a \_\_\_\_\_ worldview.
3. Psychology is a mixture of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ sciences.

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**3. *PNEUMADYNAMIC* – CENTERED ON THE SPIRIT OF GOD**

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**4. *COVENANTAL* – CENTERED ON THE COVENANT OF GOD**

Two Senses:

1. The church in a new covenant relationship with \_\_\_\_\_
2. The church in covenant relationship with \_\_\_\_\_

## Church Membership

### Biblical evidence:

- a. Acts 2:42-47 – Church Membership is the \_\_\_\_\_ of the New Testament.
- b. Matthew 18:15-20 – Jesus calls Christians to submit to the \_\_\_\_\_.
- c. Hebrews 13:17 – Church membership clarifies submission to \_\_\_\_\_.

## 5. *MISSIONAL* – CENTERED ON THE PEOPLE OF GOD

### Two Senses:

#### 1. Discipleship \_\_\_\_\_

a. \_\_\_\_\_

b. \_\_\_\_\_

c. \_\_\_\_\_

d. \_\_\_\_\_

i. \_\_\_\_\_

ii. \_\_\_\_\_

e. \_\_\_\_\_

#### 2. Discipleship \_\_\_\_\_

a. \_\_\_\_\_

b. \_\_\_\_\_

i. \_\_\_\_\_

ii. \_\_\_\_\_

iii. \_\_\_\_\_

iv. \_\_\_\_\_

c. \_\_\_\_\_

## **FURTHER READING:**

### Beginner:

*Expository Preaching* by David R. Helm

*Descriptions and Prescriptions* by Michael R. Emlet

*The Gospel & Mental Illness* by Heath Lambert

*Church Membership* by Jonathan Leeman

*What is a Healthy Church Member?* By Thabiti M. Anyabwile

### Advanced:

*Sojourners and Strangers* by Gregg R. Allison

*A Theology of Biblical Counseling* by Heath Lambert

*Systematic Theology* by Wayne Grudem

*The Supremacy of God in Preaching* by John Piper