

Great Doctrines of the Bible XII
What Is the One True Church?
Eph. 5: 25

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1. How do you look at the church? How you perceive and understand the church will greatly determine your attitude to God's family. There are at least two ways one can perceive the church. Some see the church as maintenance; others see the church as a mission. Jesus called the church to be radically different from worldly institutions..

- I. The Church Was Purchased By God. **Acts 20: 28**
 - A The words used in the N.T. indicate how great the church is.
 - B Great because Christ died for the church.
 - C Great because lives are being changed for the good.

- II. The Church Is The People Of God. **1 Peter 1: 16**
 - A We are called to be holy.
 - B We are called to be saints.

- III. The Church Is The Army Of God. **Matt. 16: 18**
 - A Many have tried to destroy the church throughout history.
 - B We are involved in spiritual warfare. **Eph. 6**

- IV. The Church Has Its Mission From God. **Matt. 28: 19-20**
 - A The church is to go into all the world.
 - B Our message is the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

- V. The Church Is Forgiven By God.
 - A You are to be actively involved in a local congregation.
 - B Jesus calls all people to be a part of His church.