



We believe



Church

A dark, grainy photograph of a church interior. The scene is dimly lit, with a bright light source from an arched doorway in the background. Several people are visible, some standing and some sitting, creating a sense of a gathering or service. The overall atmosphere is somber and historical.

- Global church
- Local church

Global Church

A dark, grainy photograph of a church interior. In the foreground, a large group of people is seated at a long table, their faces mostly obscured by shadows. In the background, several people are standing near an arched doorway, which is the primary source of light in the scene. The overall atmosphere is somber and historical.

- Was set up by Jesus



Matthew 16:18

“I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overpower it..”

Matthew 28:19–20

“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

Global Church

A dark, grainy, and somewhat blurry photograph of a church interior. In the foreground, a large group of people is seated at a long table, their backs to the camera. In the background, several people are standing near an arched doorway or altar area. The lighting is very low, creating a somber and historical atmosphere.

- Was set up by Jesus
- Began at Pentecost

Acts 2:1–4

“Now when the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like a violent wind blowing came from heaven and filled the entire house where they were sitting. And tongues spreading out like a fire appeared to them and came to rest on each one of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit, and they began to speak in other languages as the Spirit enabled them.”

Global Church



- Was set up by Jesus
- Began at Pentecost
- Will be completed at the Rapture

1 Thessalonians 4:13–18

“Now we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who are asleep, so that you will not grieve like the rest who have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, so also we believe that God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep as Christians. For we tell you this by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will surely not go ahead of those who have

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fallen asleep. For the Lord himself will come down from heaven with a shout of command, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be suddenly caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will always be with the Lord. Therefore encourage one another with these words.”

What's so special about the Rapture?

- Jesus will return to collect the Church to Himself
- All those who have died in Christ will be gathered with Jesus
- It will happen before the Tribulation so that we will be spared from God's day of wrath

1 Thessalonians 5:8–9

“Since we are of the day, we must stay sober by putting on the breastplate of faith and love and as a helmet our hope for salvation. For God did not destine us for wrath but for gaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.”

Global Church

- Was set up by Jesus
- Began at Pentecost
- Will be completed at the Rapture
- Is the “Body of Christ”

Ephesians 1:22–23

“God put all things under Christ’s feet, and gave him to the church as head over all things. Now the church is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.”

Colossians 1:18

“He is the head of the body, the church, as well as the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he himself may become first in all things.”

Global Church

- Was set up by Jesus
- Began at Pentecost
- Will be completed at the Rapture
- Is the “Body of Christ”
- Is made up of all believers in Christ

1 Corinthians 12:13

“For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body. Whether Jews or Greeks or slaves or free, we were all made to drink of the one Spirit.”

Each believer in Christ

- Has been set apart from the world
- Has the Holy Spirit permanently indwelling them
- Is responsible to make disciples
- Should be an active part of a local church

John 17:14–16

“I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but that you keep them safe from the evil one. They do not belong to the world just as I do not belong to the world.”

Local Church

- Is the term for a gathering of Christians for the purpose of growing, serving, and building up in Christ
- Has the right to self-governance, through the Scriptures
- Is to regularly observe two ordinances: water baptism and communion

Romans 6:3–5

“Do you not know that as many as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him through baptism into death, in order that just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too may live a new life. For if we have become united with him in the likeness of his death, we will certainly also be united in the likeness of his resurrection.”

1 Corinthians 11:23–29

“For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night in which he was betrayed took bread, and after he had given thanks he broke it and said, “This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” In the same way, he also took the cup after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, every time you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

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For every time you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. For this reason, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. A person should examine himself first, and in this way let him eat the bread and drink of the cup. For the one who eats and drinks without careful regard for the body eats and drinks judgment against himself.”

Reminders



- We are all of part of the Global Church, and we should all be an active part of a Local Church
- There are differences between the Global and Local church