

CHURCH DYNAMICS



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- 1. What is the purpose of the church?**
- 2. How should it be organized?**
- 3. Who should lead it?**
- 4. What kind of activities and ministries should it have?**



UNDERSTANDING THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF THE CHURCH

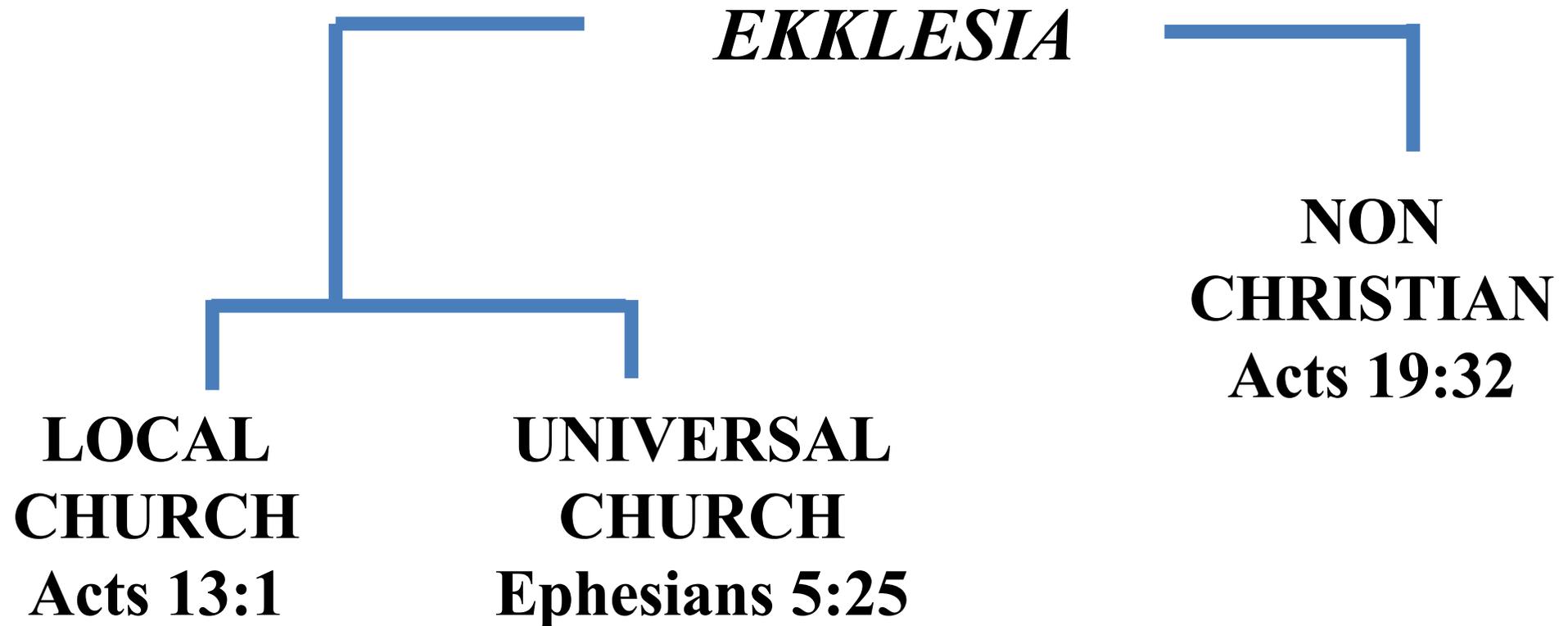
The word translated “church” in the New Testament is the Greek word *ekklesia*.

Non-Christian usage (Acts 19:32, 41)

Christian usage (Acts 13:1)



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THE PURPOSE OF THE CHURCH

“Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you”

(Matthew 28:19-20)



**EVANGELIZE THE LOST
DISCIPLE THE SAINTS**

THE METAPHORS OF THE CHURCH

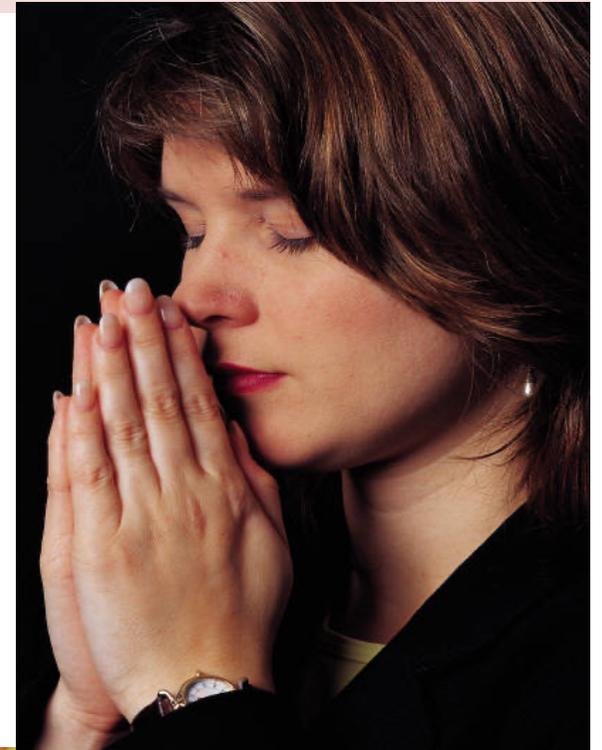
THE BODY OF CHRIST

THE BRIDE OF CHRIST

THE TEMPLE OF GOD

THE PRIESTHOOD OF GOD

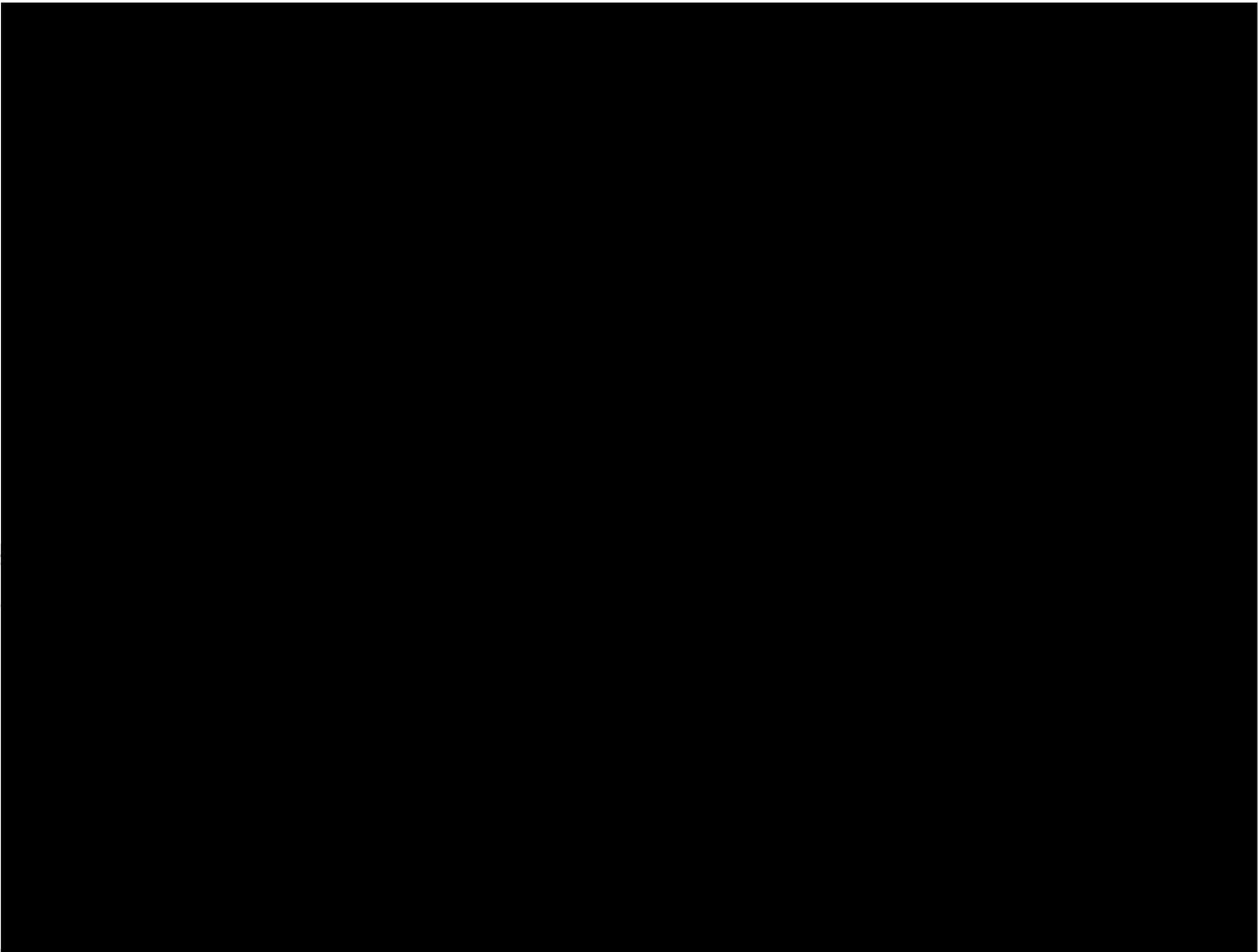
THE FLOCK OF GOD



A DEFINITION OF THE CHURCH

The church is the living community of people who trust in Christ Jesus, organized and serving in unity to fulfill corporately a four-fold purpose: worship, edification, evangelism and fellowship.





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