

OUTLINE

I. JESUS GIVES JOHN WORDS TO WRITE TO EPHESUS 2:1-3

II. THE WORDS OF JESUS WARN AND PROMISE THE EPHESIANS 2:4-7

BASIC BIBLE TRUTH/DOCTRINE: THE CHURCH

The church is the company of God's redeemed people. It is called the body of Christ of which He is the head, of which He is the Savior (Ephesians 5:23) We are fellow citizens with all of God's people and members of God's household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets teaching (Eph. 2:19-20) It is a temple in which God is worshipped. It is the bride of Christ, whom He loved and for whom He died. (Eph.5:22-23) Theologians speak of the church invisible (meaning the company of the redeemed who are in heaven) and the church visible (meaning the earthly company we see). Not all members of the earthly company belong to the true church, for not all members of the visible church are born again. But all true Christians should be part of visible Christian fellowship. (Hebrews 10:25)

The Greek word **Ekklesia** is translated to as church. It is derived from the verb **ikkaleo**, "to call out or forth" and has been interpreted as an exclusive term, connecting its etymological meaning with the Biblical doctrine that Christians are those called out of the world by God.

PRINCIPLES:

JESUS CHRIST IS THE LORD OF ALL CHURCHES

JESUS CHRIST CAME IN THE FLESH and IS FROM GOD

JESUS GIVES THE RIGHT TO EAT FROM THE TREE OF LIFE

To him who overcomes, I will give the right to eat from the Tree of Life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God. Rev:2:7