

WHY CHURCH?



Matthew 16:13-18 (NKJV)

13 When Jesus came into the region of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, saying, "Who do men say that I, the Son of Man, am?"

14 So they said, "Some say John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets."



15 He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?"

16 Simon Peter answered and said, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

17 Jesus answered and said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in heaven.



18 And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.



**The Greek word for church is Ekklesia.
It means assembly.**



Ekklesia

Ek – “out of”

Kaleo – “to call”

To call out of – An assembly duly summoned.



**An assembly: a company of persons gathered for deliberation and legislation, worship, or entertainment
an *assembly* of religious leaders.**

- Miriam Webster Dictionary.



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INDIVIDUALS ASSEMBLED TO CARRY OUT GOD'S
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