



DEFINING THE CHURCH

ARE WE A DENOMINATION?

THE WAY OUR CULTURE DEFINES IT:

- ▶ 1 – A building set apart for public worship.
- ▶ 2 – A worship service.
- ▶ 3 – Denomination.
- ▶ 4 – “Clergy or officers” (leaders)
- ▶ 5 – Perform rites or blessings on someone (verb)
- ▶ ALL OF THESE ARE TOTALLY FOREIGN TO THE BIBLE.

The Greek Word for Church Always Refers To PEOPLE

- ▶ It is almost exclusively translated “assembly” except when used in a religious sense.
- ▶ The Greek word (ekklesia) is used to describe irreligious assemblies:
 - ▶ Acts 19:32
 - ▶ Acts 19:39
 - ▶ Acts 19:41
- ▶ The Greek word is used to describe an assembly of Israelites:
 - ▶ Duet. 9:10

False Conceptions vs. The Bible

ONE CHURCH

Some think the one church is comprised of all denominations.

ALL
DENOMINATIONS

ONE CHURCH

Some think the one church is comprised of all local congregations called "church of Christ".

ALL "churches of
Christ"

ONE CHURCH

ALL THE SAVED OF ALL TIME! This is the biblical view.

ALL SAVED PEOPLE
Heb. 12
I Thess. 4
Acts 2