

UNDERSTANDING THE DIVINE INSTITUTIONS
“The Church”

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1. In scripture, “The Church” is first mentioned in Mt. 16:18, in a _____ sense where Christ told His disciples ...“*I will build My _____ and the gates of hell shall not _____ against it!*”

• Now why did Christ say this?

2. Through Israel, God’s chosen nation, God would disclose to all mankind His _____ by means of His _____ & then manifest His _____ to the world – by whom He would _____ sinners from their sins!

• Did God in the OT have a plan for the Jew & the Gentile?

3. When God sent His Son, the Promised _____, into the world to be Israel’s _____ – Israel _____ Him & plotted His _____ by the hands of the Romans.

4. Even though the Jews, along with the gentiles, put the Son of God to _____, God used the death of Christ to reach the whole world with a saving message called the _____!

• Why did He do that?

5. Today, it is the _____, that God is using to accomplish His _____ for His _____!

6. Israel’s rejection now allowed for the salvation of _____ Jews & gentiles bringing believers into the _____ – God’s new program for the world today.

7. The church began with the coming of the _____ on Pentecost. He, the Spirit, would be instrumental in nearly every aspect of the _____ of the Church.

8. The basis of all this would be the _____ & _____ of Christ on Calvary.

9. So today, God see's _____ of people ...(1 Cor 10:32)

1) The _____, 2) the _____, & 3) the _____

- What is a biblical “*mystery*”?

“ekklesia” **meaning** =

10. The word “church” in the bible usually refers to the _____ (_____) church made up of all believers from Pentecost to the _____!

11. When the HS came on the day of Pentecost, the Jews who made up the church at the beginning _____ this new plan of God's.

* Why was this?

* So What did God Do?

- God saved _____ of Tarsus on the road to Damascus in Acts 9 & _____ Him to teach _____ & explain by means of His epistles, the doctrine of the _____ to mankind!

- When did this happen?

1) _____ on in Arabia Paul was taught the difference between _____ & _____!
(Galatians 1:11-17- 22)

2) _____ on in his ministry Paul was taught about the _____ which is the _____ of Christ (Ephesians 3:1-12)

- What *exactly* was the “*mystery*”?

- What is the *purpose* of the Church today?