

1. What is the church?

(1 Cor. 12:14 LSB) “For also the body is not one member, but many.”

v.20 “But now there are many members, but one body.”

v.27-28 “Now you are Christ’s body, and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church”

(Ephesians 2:19–22 LSB) “So then you are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the saints, and are of God’s household, having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the corner stone, in whom the whole building, being joined together, is growing into a holy sanctuary in the Lord, in whom you also are being built together into a dwelling of God in the Spirit.”

NT ekklesia: noun - assembly, congregation, verb form - called

OT equivalent is qahal

Greek version of the OT Septuagint (Bible translation when Paul was alive) uses the word synagoge

1. people called out of the world

(Romans 1:7, 1 Cor 1:2, Ex 19:6, 2 Tim 2:21, Eph 1:4, Col 3:12, 1 Peter 2:5, 9, 1 Cor 3:17)

2. called to be a family (family of God)

(Rom 8:15, 9:4, Gal 4:5, 6:10, Eph 1:5, 2:9, Heb 2:11, Matt 6:9)

3. live in fellowship w/God

(1 Cor 14:29, Ex. 3:12)

2. It's Dangers: See notes from September 20 Sunday School Lesson on Legalism