

1. Matthew 16:13-18  
 What did Jesus promise to build? (13)  
  
 Whose would it be (16,18)?  
  
 Did Jesus promise to build one church, or many churches (18)?  
  
 How does Jesus describe the strength of His church (18)?  
  
 If the church is that strong, should we be able to find it today? Why?
2. Ephesians 1:16-23  
 What is another word for "church" in this passage (23)?  
  
 Who is the head of the church (20,22)?  
  
 If a church had a different builder (Qu. 1) or different head, is it the church that we read about in the Scriptures? Why?
3. Ephesians 4:1-6  
 Which best describes Jesus' church: (a) one head, many bodies; (b) many heads, one body; (c) one head, one body?  
  
 Does the illustration of the head/body in the New Testament show that God desires one church, or many different churches?  
  
 How many faiths should God's word produce (5)?
4. Ephesians 5:25-32  
 The relationship between Christ and the church is compared to what kind of relationship (25, 32)?  
  
 What was Christ's attitude toward His church (25, 29)?  
  
 How did He prove it (25)?  
  
 If the church is the body, then individual Christians are... (30)  
  
 Is the church the building or the people?
5. John 17:20-23  
 How does Jesus describe His unity with the Father (21)?  
  
 What did Jesus pray concerning those who believe in Him (23)?  
  
 Will this be your prayer, too?  
  
 Are there many different church groups with many different names today? Is there unity?  
  
 Does division help or hurt the message of Jesus (21-22)? How?
6. 1 Corinthians 1:10-13  
 What does the apostle Paul say about religious division? (10)
7. 2 Timothy 3:12-15  
 Do false teachers always know that they are teaching falsehoods (13)? Why?  
  
 What can we do, like Timothy, to avoid being deceived? (14-15)
8. 2 Timothy 4:1-4  
 False teachers are responsible for spreading error. But how are church audiences responsible for learning error? (3-4)
9. Proverbs 14:12  
 Can someone be very sincere, and think they are right, but still be wrong? Why?
10. Proverbs 28:26  
 Do you think the writer is talking about man's wisdom or God's wisdom? Why?
11. 2 Peter 3:15-18  
 What do some people do to the Scriptures? (16)  
  
 What does Peter call these Christians? (16)

Is one interpretation of the Bible just as good as the next? Why?

12. Romans 15:5-6

Paul prayed for what in the church at Rome? (5)  
Do you want this for the church as well?

13. Romans 16:17-19

How should we treat people who are trying to cause divisions? (17)

14. Acts 20:28

What did it cost God to establish the church?

What does that tell you about the value of the Lord's church?

15. Ephesians 5:23

What will Christ save?

What if we are not part of the body or church that we read about in the New Testament?

## CONCLUSION

1. Would you ever want to be part of a church that Jesus did *not* build? (Qu. 1) Why or why not?
2. Who is the head of the church? (Qu. 2)
3. If there is one head, how many bodies or churches can there be? (Qu. 3,4,5)
4. Where should we look to find a description of the Lord's church? (Qu. 7)
5. What are some of the causes and solutions to religious division? (Qu. 5-13)
6. Why is the church so valuable? (Qu. 14)
7. Do we have to be part of the Lord's church to be saved? (Qu. 15)
8. Do you believe that the church we find in the Bible can still exist today? If so, how?
9. Are you willing to continue studying the Bible to find out how to become a member of the Lord's church?

When will we study next?

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