

Trashing Our Values

Church

Week 2

I. Defining Church:

- A. Invisible Church: includes everyone who has ever been genuinely born again from every age of history
- B. Visible Church: consists of believers who are alive and meeting together right now regardless of location
- C. Universal Church: God's children all around the world
- D. Local Church: those who gather together for worship and ministry of a specific group of people in a specific area

II. The Church is God's Creation

- A. Jesus is the builder and owner - Matt. 16:18
- B. Jesus is the chief cornerstone & way of salvation - Acts 4:11,12
- C. Jesus is the head of the Church - Eph. 5:23

III. Every believer ought to belong to and support their local Church

- A. Best way to fulfill the "one another" commands - Rom. 12:10; Gal. 6:2; Heb. 3:13
- B. Best way to biblically clarify the difference between believers and non-believers - Acts 2:41-47
- C. Best way to do things "in order" - I Cor. 14:40
- D. Best way to enjoy the privileges of ministry - Eph. 3:8
- E. Best way to fulfill the command to follow church leaders - Heb. 13:7,17
- F. Best way to fulfill your ministry responsibilities - Rom. 12; I Cor. 12; I Pet. 4:10