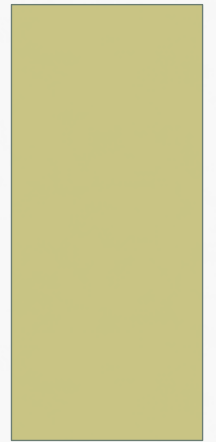


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# LESSON 3

THE MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH

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# EGGS & OMELETS

- **We are eggs**
- **We are an omelet**
- **Trick question: which is more important?**

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# WHEAT & TARES

- **True Christians**
- **False Christians**
- **Satan**
- **Eschatology**

24 Another parable He put forth to them, saying: “The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field; 25 but while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat and went his way.

<sup>26</sup> But when the grain had sprouted and produced a crop, then the tares also appeared. <sup>27</sup> So the servants of the owner came and said to him, 'Sir, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have tares?'



28 He said to them, 'An enemy has done this.' The servants said to him, 'Do you want us then to go and gather them up?' 29 But he said, 'No, lest while you gather up the tares you also uproot the wheat with them.'

30 Let both grow together until the harvest, and at the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, "First gather together the tares and bind them in bundles to burn them, but gather the wheat into my barn."''' - Matthew 13

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# VISIBLE AND INVISIBLE

- One church
- Definition
- Analogies and Diagrams
- Visible Rites
- Churches outside the pale

**17 Jesus answered and said to him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed *this* to you, but My Father who is in heaven. <sup>18</sup> And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.**

**1<sup>9</sup> And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.”**

**Matthew 16**

# SAVED?

*Q. 61. Are all they saved who hear the gospel, and live in the church?*

A. All that hear the gospel, and live in the visible church, are not saved; but they only who are true members of the church invisible.

# VISIBLE

Q. 62. *What is the visible church?*

A. The visible church is a society made up of all such as in all ages and places of the world do profess the true religion, and of their children.



# INVISIBLE

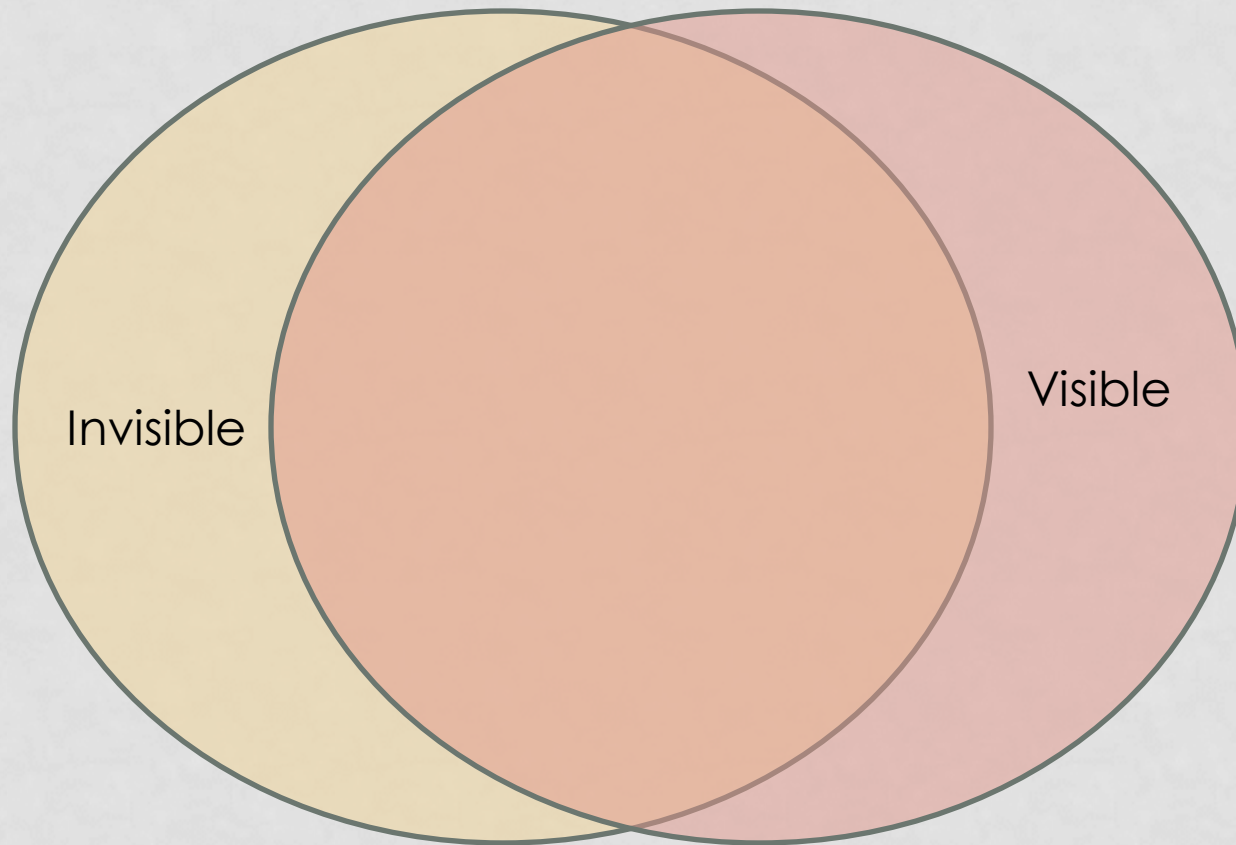
Q. 64. *What is the invisible church?*

A. The invisible church is the whole number of the elect, that have been, are, or shall be gathered into one under Christ the head.

# ANALOGIES AND DIAGRAMS

- **Mr. Smith has an invisible aspect and an invisible aspect**
- **We don't say there are two Mr. Smiths**

# ANALOGIES AND DIAGRAMS



# VISIBLE RITE

Q. 94. *What is baptism?*

A. Baptism is a sacrament, wherein the washing with water in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, doth signify and seal our ingrafting into Christ, and partaking of the benefits of the covenant of grace, and our engagement to be the Lord's.

# VISIBLE RITE

Q. 95. *To whom is baptism to be administered?*

A. Baptism is not to be administered to any that are out of the visible church, till they profess their faith in Christ, and obedience to him; but the infants of such as are members of the visible church are to be baptized.

# CHURCHES OUTSIDE THE PALE

Pale – The area enclosed by a fence or boundary

True

Healthy

Apostate

Cults

Other Religions



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# TO JOIN OR NOT TO JOIN

- **Visible Rites**
- **Authority & Protection**
- **Definite Flock**
- **Discipline**
- **Church Government**



**4<sup>1</sup> Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them.**

*Acts 2*

**17 Obey those who rule over you, and be submissive, for they watch out for your souls, as those who must give account. Let them do so with joy and not with grief, for that would be unprofitable for you.**

Hebrews 13

**22 Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord.**

Ephesians 5

**28 Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood.**

Acts 20

**17 And if he refuses to hear them, tell *it* to the church. But if he refuses even to hear the church, let him be to you like a heathen and a tax collector.**

Matthew 18

**23 So when they had appointed elders in every church, and prayed with fasting, they commended them to the Lord in whom they had believed.**

Acts 14

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# NO 2<sup>ND</sup> CLASS

- **They are holy**
- **Analogies**
- **Non-communicant members  
are *members ...***
- ***They never become more so***



<sup>38</sup> Then Peter said to them, “Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup> For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call.”

- Acts 2

14 For the unbelieving husband is sanctified by the wife, and the unbelieving wife is sanctified by the husband; otherwise your children would be unclean, but now they are holy.

1 Corinthians 7

# ANALOGIES

- **Citizenship**
- **Family member**
- **Human being**

# TWO KINDS

- 1. [...] The *membership* of a local congregation consists of **communicant** and **non-communicant** *members*, all of whom have the privilege of pastoral oversight, instruction, and government by the church.

# TWO KINDS

- 2. **Communicant** *members* are those who have been baptized, have made a credible profession of faith in Christ, and have been enrolled and admitted to all the rights of church membership by the session. **Non-communicant** *members* are the baptized children of communicant *members*.

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# WHAT WE ARE CALLED TO DO

- **Worship together**
- **Love one another ...**

# ... ONE ANOTHER

- **Love ...**
- **Be at peace with ...**
- **Wash ... feet**
- **Give preference to ...**
- **Have the same mind toward ...**
- **Build up ...**
- **Do not judge ...**
- **Accept ...**



# ... ONE ANOTHER

- **Admonish ...**
- **Greet ...**
- **Wait for ...**
- **Serve ...**
- **Do not envy ...**
- **Bear ... burdens**
- **Show tolerance for ...**
- **Speak truth to ...**

# ... ONE ANOTHER

- Be kind to ...
- Be subject to ...
- Do not lie to ...
- Forgive ...
- Encourage ...
- Seek that which is good for ...
- Stimulate ... to love and good deeds
- Confess our sins to ...

# ... ONE ANOTHER

- **Do not complain against ...**
- **Fervently love ... from the heart**
- **Be hospitable to ...**
- **Exercise your spiritual gifts for ...**
- **Clothe yourselves with humility toward ...**

# ... ONE ANOTHER

- Have  
fellowship  
with ...

- Love one another

# MISTAKES

- **Downplay Visible Church**
- **Downplay need for genuine faith in Christ**
- **Fail to love other members**
- **Ontological misunderstanding**

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# NEXT WEEK

## The Attributes of the Church

- One
- Holy
- Catholic
- Apostolic

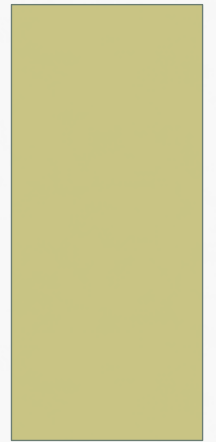
# RELATED TOPICS

- 1. What is the Church? (June 8)**
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- 5. The Marks of the Church: Word, Sacraments, Discipline (July 6)**
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- 7. The Sacraments of the Church: Baptism (July 20)**
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- 13. The Discipline of the Church (August 31)**



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# **LESSON 1 REVIEW**

**WHAT IS THE CHURCH?**

# REVIEW

- **The church is a sacred**
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# REVIEW

- The church is a sacred assembly

# REVIEW

- **The church is the \_\_\_\_\_  
people of God**

# REVIEW

- The church is the covenant people of God

# REVIEW

- **There is only one \_\_\_\_\_ church, which encompasses \_\_\_\_\_ nations and \_\_\_\_\_ God's people throughout \_\_\_\_\_ ages**

# REVIEW

- There is only one universal church, which encompasses all nations and all God's people throughout all ages



# REVIEW

- The church is both \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

# REVIEW

- The church is both visible and invisible

# REVIEW

- **The invisible church is the \_\_\_\_\_**

# REVIEW

- The invisible church is the elect

# REVIEW

- **The visible church is all who \_\_\_\_\_ the true religion, with their \_\_\_\_\_**

# REVIEW

- The visible church is all who profess the true religion, with their children

# **LESSON 2 REVIEW**

**CHRIST: KING AND HEAD OF THE CHURCH**

# CHRIST

- Fully God
- Fully Man
- Redeemer of his people



# KING

- King: Rules, Subdues, Defends
- David's throne
- Universal Throne: Eternity Past
- Universal Throne: Reward

# HEAD

- Federal head
- Husband/Wife
- Head/Body

# CHURCH

- Kingdom
- Body
- Bride

# HOW?

- By His Sovereign Decree
- By His Word
- By His Spirit
- Through Officers
- Through Governing Bodies
- Through Each of Us

# DIFFERENT FORMS

- Episcopal
- Presbyterian
- Congregational

# **LESSON 3 REVIEW**

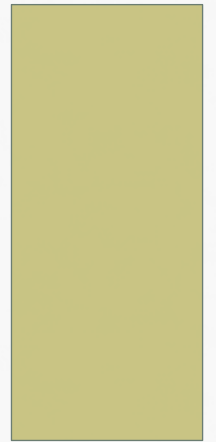
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**25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her,<sup>26</sup> that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, <sup>27</sup> that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish.**

- Ephesians 5