

The Church

"...on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it."

Matthew 16:18b (NIV84)

Week Two: Church Design

Sunday, January 18, 2026

"It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, ¹² to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up ¹³ until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. ¹⁴ Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of men in their deceitful scheming. ¹⁵ Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ. ¹⁶ From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work."

Ephesians 4:11–16 (NIV84)

1. The _____.

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* **Apostles:** _____.

"Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you."

John 20:21 (NIV84)

* **Prophets:** _____.

* **Evangelists:** _____.

* **Pastors:** _____.

"To the elders among you, I appeal as a fellow elder, a witness of Christ's sufferings and one who also will share in the glory to be revealed: ² Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, serving as overseers—

not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not greedy for money, but eager to serve; ³ not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock."

1 Peter 5:1–3 (NIV84)

* **Teachers:** _____.

2. The _____.

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Ephesians 4:12–13 (NIV84)

A. Preparation to _____.

B. Serve to _____.

C. Build up to _____.

D. Resulting in _____.

"Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of men in their deceitful scheming."

Ephesians 4:14 (NIV84)

3. The _____.

"Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ. ¹⁶ From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work."

Ephesians 4:15–16 (NIV84)