



DEFINED: *precisely marked or stated.*

What is Church? *Is it the building or the people*

- The first mention of the word *church* in the entire Bible is in Matthew 16. Where Jesus says **“Upon this rock I will build My church.”**

“Tertullian first mentions the existence of Churches 200 years after Jesus. About the year 230, Emperor Alexander Severus granted the Christians the right to a special place in Rome. . . . by 300 years after Christ there were Churches everywhere.

- But originally **“The priority”** was not on the building but on the people

Quit saying Church and start saying follower of Christ!

1. Even the word **Christian** is kind of weird. It was only used **3 times** in the NT and never by believers. It was used by non-believers as a mockery.
 - a. The word **Disciple** was used **294 times**.
 - b. It means Apprentice
2. Mark 1:16, Simon and Andrew, “Follow me and I will make you fishers of men”

- a. Mark 2:14, Levi the Tax collector, "Follow me"
 - b. Mark 3:13, "Went up on a mountain and called to Him those He himself wanted and they came to Him."
 - c. Mark 8:34, "He had called the people to himself, with His disciples also."
 - d. So it is more of a personal relationship with God then just a semi formal corporate gathering
3. The invitation of Jesus is be my Disciple
- a. Disciple: Student or apprentice (More than just a follower)

**"It is the PROCESS moments not the
BREAKTHROUGH moments that change you.**

John 15:4 TPT, *"So you must remain in life-union with me, for I remain in life-union with you. For as a branch severed from the vine will not bear fruit, so your life will be fruitless unless you live your life intimately joined to mine."*

Romans 12:16 TPT Live happily together in a spirit of harmony, and be as mindful of another's worth as you are your own. Don't live with a lofty mind-set, thinking you are too important to serve others, but be willing to do menial tasks and identify with those who are humble minded.^[a] Don't be smug or even think for a moment that you know it all.

Romans 12:2 TPT Stop imitating the ideals and opinions of the culture around you,^[a] but be inwardly transformed by the Holy Spirit through a total reformation of how you think. This will empower you to discern God's will as you live a beautiful life, satisfying and perfect in his eyes.