

# The Church

*What were the largest church and smallest church you attended on a regular basis? Despite their difference in size, what attribute did they share that drew you to each?*

1. What is the Church? READ the following passages and then **define the church** in your own words, including as many of the concepts found in these passages: 1 Cor. 1:2; Rev. 1:11; Matt. 16:18; Eph. 1:22-23; 3:10,21; 5:23,25,27,29,32; Col. 1:18; Heb.12:23.
  
2. When did the Church form? READ Acts 1:4-8; 2:1-4 and answer these questions:
  - A. Who did Jesus promise His disciples?
  
  - B. How did the Holy Spirit manifest Himself? Why was this manifestation important in that moment? (consider the context)
  
  - C. What immediate action by Peter proved that the promised supernatural empowerment to be witnesses had indeed come? Cf. Acts 2:14-36.
  
3. What are the **ordinances** of the Church? NOTE: An ordinance is an outward rite of an inward grace prescribed by Christ to be performed by His Church.
  - A. READ Luke 22:14-20 and 1 Cor. 11:23-26. What word that appears in both texts help us understand this rite's **purpose** for the church?

