# THE ESSENTIALS OF THE CHURCH

## **DEFINITION:**

- ➤ Called out ones "Ekklesia"
- ➤ Assembly of believers
- ➤ The body of Christ
  - ▶ I Cor 12:13,27

# **DEFINITION:**

- ➤ The holy Catholic Church
  - ► Catholic means universal
  - ► Eph 4:4-6

### **DEFINITION:**

- ► Local church
  - ➤ Paul writes to the local churches. Those people meeting in specific places.
    - The church in Philippi, the church in Ephesus, the church in Corinth, etc...

### **DEFINITION:**

- ➤ A specific building or place of meeting ➤ Romans 16:3-5a, 16, 23
- It is a place identified for its function and purpose

### **PURPOSE:**

- I. To make disciples Matt 28:18-20
- 2. To Evangelize
  Acts 1:8

### **PURPOSE:**

- 3. To be the Pillar and Foundation of Truth 1 Tim 3:15; Heb 5:11-14
- For teaching, praying, fellowship, and communion Acts 2:42

### **PURPOSE:**

5. For encouragementHeb 10:252 Tim 2:2

# CONCLUSION/SUMMARY:

Philippians 2:12-16

We are holders of the words of life!

What are we doing with those words?