

## THE CHURCH

Review the following verses, and check them off after quoting them correctly from memory.

1 John 5:12	Matthew 6:33
John 16:24	Philippians 4:13
1 Corinthians 10:13	Psalms 119:9,11
1 John 1:9	John 13:34-35
Proverbs 3: 5-6	Corinthians 9:7

### **Memorize Psalms 122:1**

*The Church*

I rejoiced with those who said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord."

Psalms 122:1

The church is made up of all true Christians everywhere - and it includes many thousands of local churches. God instituted these local churches to help Christians grow spiritually. You will have fellowship with other believers there - including opportunities to serve and encourage them. You will receive "training in righteousness" (2 Timothy 3:16) as God's word is preached and taught in the local church.

Scripture teaches us to seek out this kind of fellowship: "Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another - and all the more as you see the Day approaching" (Hebrews 10:24-25).

### **EXPLORING PSALMS 122:1**

What is a good attitude to have in a worship service?

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What do you think made David glad as he considered going to the house of the Lord?

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**"I REJOICED"**

1. Read Acts 2:42-47. How did the early Christians respond to the nurture and fellowship they enjoyed?

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2. What could Paul say, in 1 Thessalonians 1:2-3 , that he was joyful about the growth of the local church at Thessalonica?

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3. In 1 Thessalonians 2:19-20, Paul again said the Thessalonian Christians made him joyful. Read 1 Thessalonians 2:13 and explain the reason for Paul's joy.

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**"LET US GO TO THE HOUSE OF THE LORD"**

4. What did Jesus promise in Matthew 18:19-20 to those who gather in His name?

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5. Paul explained one of the church's main purposes in Ephesians 4:11-12. Write out these verses in your own words.

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6. Read Ephesians 4:13-15 - What will be the result in our lives when the church's ministry follows the pattern described in Ephesians 4:11-12?

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7. According to Ephesians 4:11-15, who in addition to the pastor is responsible for the growth of Christians in a local congregation?

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According to Ephesians 4:15-16, how is the body of Christ built up?

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8. In 1 Thessalonians 5 :12-13, how did Paul say we should regard our Christian leaders?

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How should we follow the example of our spiritual leaders, according to Hebrews 13:7?

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9. Read Colossians 1:13-20. Who is the head of the church?

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How did Paul describe the church in Colossians 1:18?

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10. What is the result of hearing God's word proclaimed, according to Romans 10:17?

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11. Read Romans 12:3-16. Summarize what this passage teaches about relationships within the body of Christ.

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12. What did Paul long for among the Christians at Rome, according to Romans 15:5-6?

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13. What did Jesus especially pray for all believers in John 17:20-23?

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**WRITE OUT PSALM 122:1 FROM MEMORY**

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**APPLYING PSALM 122:1**

Prayerfully review your study, especially the Scripture passages and ideas which were most helpful to you personally. Write a short paragraph on why the church is important to your spiritual growth.

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How can you better serve your local church?

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