

THE CHURCH AND ITS IDENTITY

HOW DOES THE CHURCH DEFINE ITSELF?

1. THE CHURCH IS THE CALLED

- a. Matthew 16:18
- b. Matthew 18:17
- c. Acts 2:37 - 47

2. THE CHURCH CALLS

- a. Mankind to Conversion – Acts 2:6-13, 22-39
- b. Mankind to Identify with the Gospel Message – Acts 2:41
 - (1.) Transition from temple worship to the new responsibility of the “called” gathering
 - (2.) Identity is two-fold
 - (a.) Communion
 - (b.) Baptism
- c. Mankind to Convictions – 2 Tim. 2:7, 14; 2 Tim. 3:14
- d. Mankind to Be a Community – Acts 2:42-47; Hebrews 10:24-25
- e. Mankind to Fulfill a Commission – Matt. 28:18-20

