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**Mt 3:2 Kingdom (basileia) used in a spiritual sense**

**Heb 12:28**

**Mt 4:8 Kingdom (basileia) used in a political sense**

- . Lk 23:42**
- . Mt 28:18**

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- **Mt 16:19 Keys to the Kingdom**
- **Acts 2:8-10 All nations affected**
- **Acts 2:29-36: Jesus is now Lord and Christ**
- **How do we get into the Kingdom**
  - **Col 1:9-14**
  - **Mt 7:21**
  - **Php 1:27, Php 3:20**
- **Acts 2:38-47**
- **Mt 16:18-19**

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THE GREEK WORD IS "EKKLESIA"...



**This word is a combination of two words: ek (out of) and kaleo (to call)**

**Ekklesia is translated Church 100 times either singular or plural**

**Ekklesia is translated Congregation 2 times depending on version (Acts 7:38)**

**Ekklesia is translated Assembly in a political sense 3 times. (Acts 19:32)**

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- Thayer's definition offers the following uses of "ekklesia" in the Bible:
  - "an assembly of Christians gathered for worship in a religious meeting" - cf. 1Co 14:19,35
  - "a company of Christians, or of those who, hoping for eternal salvation through Jesus Christ, observe their own religious rites, hold their own religious meetings, and manage their own affairs, according to regulations prescribed for the body for order's sake" - cf. 1Th 1:1
  - "those who anywhere, in a city, village, constitute such a company and are united into one body" - cf. 1Co 1:2
  - "the whole body of Christians scattered throughout the earth" - cf. Ep 1:22-23
  - "the assembly of faithful Christians already dead and received into heaven" - cf. He 12:22-23



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- Putting it most simply, we can think of the church in two primary senses:
  - The church universal - the whole assembly of people who are saved, both living and dead
  - The church local - a company of saved people in a geographical area who work and worship together as a local congregation

**1Pt 2:9: We are Called out**

**2Th 2:14: We are called out by the gospel**

**Acts 2:38-47: We are added to the church when we respond to the call.**

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- **Col 1:18,24**
- **Eph 1:18-23**
- **This metaphor depicts the relationship we enjoy with Christ and each other**
  - **Christ is our Head, from which we as the body receive nourishment - Col 2:19**
  - **We are members of the body, and of one another - 1Co 12:27; Ro 12:5**

# Other designations:



- **Household**

- The family of God - 1Ti 3:15
- This emphasizes the familial relationship we enjoy in Christ
- We are in Jesus' "family" - Mt 12:48-50
- We have many brothers and sisters - Mk 10:28-30
- We are to treat each other accordingly - 1Ti 5:1-2

- **Flock**

- 1Pt 5:1

- **Temple**

- Eph 2:19-22

- **Bride**

- 2Cor 11:2

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- Eph 4:4-6
  - There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.