

Ekklesia

Profitable to study NT use of ecclesia

G1577 ekkle'sia - ek-klay-see'-ah

Strong's

From a compound of G1537 and a derivative of G2564; a calling out, that is, (concretely) a popular meeting, especially a religious congregation (Jewish synagogue, or Christian community of members on earth or saints in heaven or both): - assembly, church.

Thayer Definition:

1) a gathering of citizens called out from their homes into some public place, an assembly

1a) an assembly of the people convened at the public place of the council for the purpose of deliberating

1b) the assembly of the Israelites

1c) any gathering or throng of men assembled by chance, tumultuously

1d) in a Christian sense

1d1) an assembly of Christians gathered for worship in a religious meeting

1d2) a company of Christian, 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

1d3) those who anywhere, in a city, village, constitute such a company and are united into one body

1d4) the whole body of Christians scattered throughout the earth

1d5) the assembly of faithful Christians already dead and received into heaven

Part of Speech: noun feminine

Assembly or Church

Does not mean "God's called out of the world"

Ekklesia - A popular meeting; assembly, church = g1537 ek - from, from out of + g2564 kaleō - to call

Propose - put forward a plan or intention = Pro - the affirmative side + Pose - to put or set in place

NT use will show us what it means as well as definition did

Singular

Jerusalem - Acts 8:1; 11:22; 1Corinthians 15:9; Galatians 1:13; Philippians 3:6

A Named City - Acts 13:1; Romans 16:1; 1Corinthians 1:2; 2Corinthians 1:1; 1Thessalonians 1:1; 2Thessalonians 1:1

One Addressed - Acts 20:28; Romans 16:23; 1Corinthians 6:4; 14:5,12,23; 1Timothy 5:16; James 5:14; 3John 9-10

Individual - Acts 11:26; 14:23; 1Corinthians 14:4; 1Timothy 3:5,15

Universal represented in local - Acts 5:11; 1Corinthians 10:32; 11:22

One Universal - Ephesians 1:22; 3:10,21; 5:23,24,25,27,29,32; Colossians 1:18,24

Domestic - Romans 16:5; 1Corinthians 16:19; Colossians 4:15; Philemon 2

Plural

All individual in a named region

Judea - Galatians 1:22; 1Thessalonians 2:14

Galatia - 1Corinthians 16:1; Galatians 1:2

Syria & Cilicia - Acts 15:41

Macedonia - 2Corinthians 8:1

Asia - 1Corinthians 16:19; Revelation 1:4

All in a General area - Acts 16:5

Not definite region, but not all individual - Romans 16:4,16; 2Corinthians 8:23; 11:8

Some of all individual - 1Corinthians 7:17; 1Corinthians 11:16; 2Corinthians 8:18,24; 11:28; 12:13; 2Thessalonians 1:4

Assembly

Acts 19:32,39,41