

<p style="text-align: center;">Defining what a church is 2 Thessalonians 1:1</p>
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1. A local church is a group of people _____ in Christ (by faith)
2. A local church is a group of people united in Christ (by faith), in _____ to the _____

What are the Scriptures? God's Word that has been given to the church through the _____ and the _____ having been written down and preserved in the books of the Bible

Why the Scriptures? Because it is in the Scriptures that Christ _____ Himself to us

3. A local church is a group of people united in Christ (by faith), in submission to God's Word and the _____ church _____