## Introduction

The Greek word ekklesia is the only word in the New Testament Greek translated as church. Church is not to be understood as the buildings or places where God's elect and chosen disciples meet, but as the ones called out to assemble. The ekklesia, also referred to as "The Body of Christ" and "The Way" in the New Covenant is critically important to garner a proper understanding of whom and what we are in the eyes of God. Other terms used to refer to God's people in the New Covenant are: Christian, Disciple, Chosen, Saints or holy ones, Brethren which includes the terms brothers and sisters and upon occasion Mother, Father and Husband, Wife and Bride of Christ.

We see church to be understood in the context of the family of God called out to assemble to engage in the affairs of the Lord. The numbers preceding the word definitions are the Strong's numbering system used in the Concordance of the bible, which no disciple of God should be without.

## 1577 ἐκκλησία ekklesia (ek-klay-see'-ah)

from a compound of 1537 and a derivative of 2564; a calling out, i.e. (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.

NAS-assembly (3), church (74), churches (35), congregation (2).

AV-church 115, assembly 3; 118

- 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 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
    - 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

## Matthew 16:18

"I also say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build My church <1577 ekklesia>; and the gates of Hades will not overpower it.

## Matthew 18:17

"If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church <1577 ekklesia>; and if he refuses to listen even to the church <1577 ekklesia>, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector.

#### Acts 5:11

And great fear came over the whole church <1577 ekklesia>, and over all who heard of these things.

#### Acts 7:38

"This is the one who was in the congregation <1577 ekklesia> in the wilderness together with the angel who was speaking to him on Mount Sinai, and *who was* with our fathers; and he received living oracles to pass on to you.

## Acts 8:1

Saul was in hearty agreement with putting him to death. And on that day a great persecution began against the

church <1577 ekklesia> in Jerusalem, and they were all scattered throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria, except the apostles.

## Acts 8:3

But Saul *began* ravaging the church <1577 ekklesia>, entering house after house, and dragging off men and women, he would put them in prison.

#### Acts 9:31

So the church <1577 ekklesia> throughout all Judea and Galilee and Samaria enjoyed peace, being built up; and going on in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, it continued to increase.

#### Acts 11:22

The news about them reached the ears of the church <1577 ekklesia> at Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas off to Antioch.

## Acts 11:26

and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. And for an entire year they met with the church <1577 ekklesia> and taught considerable numbers; and the disciples were first called Christians in Antioch.

#### Acts 12:1

Now about that time Herod the king laid hands on some who belonged to the church <1577 ekklesia> in order to mistreat them.

#### Acts 12:5

So Peter was kept in the prison, but prayer for him was being made fervently by the church <1577 ekklesia> to God.

#### Acts 13:1

Now there were at Antioch, in the church <1577 ekklesia> that was *there*, prophets and teachers: Barnabas, and Simeon who was called Niger, and Lucius of Cyrene, and Manaen who had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul.

#### Acts 14:23

When they had appointed elders for them in every church <1577 ekklesia>, having prayed with fasting, they commended them to the Lord in whom they had believed.

## Acts 14:27

When they had arrived and gathered the church <1577 ekklesia> together, they *began* to report all things that God had done with them and how He had opened a door of faith to the Gentiles.

#### Acts 15:3

Therefore, being sent on their way by the church <1577 ekklesia>, they were passing through both Phoenicia and Samaria, describing in detail the conversion of the Gentiles, and were bringing great joy to all the brethren.

#### Acts 15:4

When they arrived at Jerusalem, they were received by the church <1577 ekklesia> and the apostles and the elders, and they reported all that God had done with them.

## Acts 15:22

Then it seemed good to the apostles and the elders, with the whole church <1577 ekklesia>, to choose men from

among them to send to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas—Judas called Barsabbas, and Silas, leading men among the brethren,

Acts 15:41

And he was traveling through Syria and Cilicia, strengthening the churches <1577 ekklesia>.

Acts 16:5

So the churches <1577 ekklesia> were being strengthened in the faith, and were increasing in number daily.

Acts 18:22

When he had landed at Caesarea, he went up and greeted the **church** <1577 ekklesia>, and went down to Antioch.

Acts 19:32

So then, some were shouting one thing and some another, for the **assembly** <1577 ekklesia> was in confusion and the majority did not know for what reason they had come together.

Acts 19:39

"But if you want anything beyond this, it shall be settled in the lawful assembly <1577 ekklesia>.

Acts 19:41

After saying this he dismissed the **assembly** <1577 ekklesia>.

Acts 20:17

From Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called to him the elders of the **church** <1577 ekklesia>.

Acts 20:28

"Be on guard for yourselves and for all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the **church** <1577 ekklesia> of God which He purchased with His own blood.

Romans 16:1

I commend to you our sister Phoebe, who is a servant of the **church** <1577 ekklesia> which is at Cenchrea;

Romans 16:4

who for my life risked their own necks, to whom not only do I give thanks, but also all the **churches** <1577 ekklesia> of the Gentiles:

Romans 16:5

also *greet* the **church** <1577 ekklesia> that is in their house. Greet Epaenetus, my beloved, who is the first convert to Christ from Asia.

Romans 16:16

Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the **churches** <1577 ekklesia> of Christ greet you.

Romans 16:23

Gaius, host to me and to the whole **church** <1577 ekklesia>, greets you. Erastus, the city treasurer greets you, and Quartus, the brother.

1 Corinthians 1:2

To the **church** <1577 ekklesia> of God which is at Corinth, to those who have been sanctified in Christ Jesus, saints by calling, with all who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, their *Lord* and ours:

#### 1 Corinthians 4:17

For this reason I have sent to you Timothy, who is my beloved and faithful child in the Lord, and he will remind you of my ways which are in Christ, just as I teach everywhere in every **church** <1577 ekklesia>.

#### 1 Corinthians 6:4

So if you have law courts dealing with matters of this life, do you appoint them as judges who are of no account in the **church** <1577 ekklesia>?

#### 1 Corinthians 7:17

Only, as the Lord has assigned to each one, as God has called each, in this manner let him walk. And so I direct in all the **churches** <1577 ekklesia>.

## 1 Corinthians 10:32

Give no offense either to Jews or to Greeks or to the **church** <1577 ekklesia> of God:

## 1 Corinthians 11:16

But if one is inclined to be contentious, we have no other practice, nor have the **churches** <1577 ekklesia> of God.

#### 1 Corinthians 11:18

For, in the first place, when you come together as a **church** <1577 ekklesia>, I hear that divisions exist among you; and in part I believe it.

#### 1 Corinthians 11:22

What! Do you not have houses in which to eat and drink? Or do you despise the **church** <1577 ekklesia> of God and shame those who have nothing? What shall I say to you? Shall I praise you? In this I will not praise you.

#### 1 Corinthians 12:28

And God has appointed in the **church** <1577 ekklesia>, first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, administrations, *various* kinds of tongues.

## 1 Corinthians 14:4

One who speaks in a tongue edifies himself; but one who prophesies edifies the church <1577 ekklesia>.

## 1 Corinthians 14:5

Now I wish that you all spoke in tongues, but *even* more that you would prophesy; and greater is one who prophesies than one who speaks in tongues, unless he interprets, so that the **church** <1577 ekklesia> may receive edifying.

## 1 Corinthians 14:12

So also you, since you are zealous of spiritual *gifts*, seek to abound for the edification of the **church** <1577 ekklesia>.

## 1 Corinthians 14:19

however, in the **church** <1577 ekklesia> I desire to speak five words with my mind so that I may instruct others also, rather than ten thousand words in a tongue.

## 1 Corinthians 14:23

Therefore if the whole **church** <1577 ekklesia> assembles together and all speak in tongues, and ungifted men or unbelievers enter, will they not say that you are mad?

## 1 Corinthians 14:28

but if there is no interpreter, he must keep silent in the **church** <1577 ekklesia>; and let him speak to himself and to God.

#### 1 Corinthians 14:33

for God is not a God of confusion but of peace, as in all the churches <1577 ekklesia> of the saints.

#### 1 Corinthians 14:34

The women are to keep silent in the **churches** <1577 ekklesia>; for they are not permitted to speak, but are to subject themselves, just as the Law also says.

#### 1 Corinthians 14:35

If they desire to learn anything, let them ask their own husbands at home; for it is improper for a woman to speak in **church** <1577 ekklesia>.

## 1 Corinthians 15:9

For I am the least of the apostles, and not fit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the **church** <1577 ekklesia> of God.

#### 1 Corinthians 16:1

Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I directed the **churches** <1577 ekklesia> of Galatia, so do you also.

#### 1 Corinthians 16:19

The **churches** <1577 ekklesia> of Asia greet you. Aquila and Prisca greet you heartily in the Lord, with the **church** <1577 ekklesia> that is in their house.

#### 2 Corinthians 1:1

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy *our* brother, To the **church** <1577 ekklesia> of God which is at Corinth with all the saints who are throughout Achaia:

## 2 Corinthians 8:1

Now, brethren, we *wish to* make known to you the grace of God which has been given in the **churches** <1577 ekklesia> of Macedonia.

## 2 Corinthians 8:18

We have sent along with him the brother whose fame in *the things of* the gospel *has spread* through all the **churches** <1577 ekklesia>;

## 2 Corinthians 8:19

and not only *this*, but he has also been appointed by the **churches** <1577 ekklesia> to travel with us in this gracious work, which is being administered by us for the glory of the Lord Himself, and *to show* our readiness,

## 2 Corinthians 8:23

As for Titus, *he is* my partner and fellow worker among you; as for our brethren, *they are* messengers of the **churches** <1577 ekklesia>, a glory to Christ.

## 2 Corinthians 8:24

Therefore openly before the **churches** <1577 ekklesia>, show them the proof of your love and of our reason for boasting about you.

#### 2 Corinthians 11:8

I robbed other **churches** <1577 ekklesia> by taking wages *from them* to serve you;

#### 2 Corinthians 11:28

Apart from *such* external things, there is the daily pressure on me *of* concern for all the **churches** <1577 ekklesia>.

## 2 Corinthians 12:13

For in what respect were you treated as inferior to the rest of the **churches** <1577 ekklesia>, except that I myself did not become a burden to you? Forgive me this wrong!

#### Galatians 1:2

and all the brethren who are with me, To the churches <1577 ekklesia> of Galatia:

#### Galatians 1:13

For you have heard of my former manner of life in Judaism, how I used to persecute the **church** <1577 ekklesia> of God beyond measure and tried to destroy it;

#### Galatians 1:22

I was *still* unknown by sight to the **churches** <1577 ekklesia> of Judea which were in Christ;

## Ephesians 1:22

And He put all things in subjection under His feet, and gave Him as head over all things to the **church** <1577 ekklesia>,

## Ephesians 3:10

so that the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known through the **church** <1577 ekklesia> to the rulers and the authorities in the heavenly *places*.

## Ephesians 3:21

to Him be the glory in the church <1577 ekklesia> and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever. Amen.

## Ephesians 5:23

For the husband is the head of the wife, as Christ also is the head of the **church** <1577 ekklesia>, He Himself *being* the Savior of the body.

## Ephesians 5:24

But as the **church** <1577 ekklesia> is subject to Christ, so also the wives *ought to be* to their husbands in everything.

#### Ephesians 5:25

Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church <1577 ekklesia> and gave Himself up for her,

#### Ephesians 5:27

that He might present to Himself the **church** <1577 ekklesia> in all her glory, having no spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that she would be holy and blameless.

## Ephesians 5:29

for no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ also *does* the **church** <1577 ekklesia>,

## Ephesians 5:32

This mystery is great; but I am speaking with reference to Christ and the **church** <1577 ekklesia>.

## Philippians 3:6

as to zeal, a persecutor of the **church** <1577 ekklesia>; as to the righteousness which is in the Law, found blameless.

## Philippians 4:15

You yourselves also know, Philippians, that at the first preaching of the gospel, after I left Macedonia, no **church** <1577 ekklesia> shared with me in the matter of giving and receiving but you alone;

#### Colossians 1:18

He is also head of the body, the **church** <1577 ekklesia>; and He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that He Himself will come to have first place in everything.

## Colossians 1:24

Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I do my share on behalf of **His body**, which is the **church** <1577 ekklesia>, in filling up what is lacking in Christ's afflictions.

#### Colossians 4:15

Greet the brethren who are in Laodicea and also Nympha and the church <1577 ekklesia> that is in her house.

## Colossians 4:16

When this letter is read among you, have it also read in the **church** <1577 ekklesia> of the Laodiceans; and you, for your part read my letter *that is coming* from Laodicea.

## 1 Thessalonians 1:1

Paul and Silvanus and Timothy, To the **church** <1577 ekklesia> of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace.

#### 1 Thessalonians 2:14

For you, brethren, became imitators of the **churches** <1577 ekklesia> of God in Christ Jesus that are in Judea, for you also endured the same sufferings at the hands of your own countrymen, even as they *did* from the Jews,

## 2 Thessalonians 1:1

Paul and Silvanus and Timothy, To the **church** <1577 ekklesia> of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

## 2 Thessalonians 1:4

therefore, we ourselves speak proudly of you among the **churches** <1577 ekklesia> of God for your perseverance and faith in the midst of all your persecutions and afflictions which you endure.

## 1 Timothy 3:5

(but if a man does not know how to manage his own household, how will he take care of the **church** <1577 ekklesia> of God?),

## 1 Timothy 3:15

but in case I am delayed, *I write* so that you will know how one ought to conduct himself in the **household of God**, which is the **church** <1577 ekklesia> of the living God, the pillar and support of the truth.

#### 1 Timothy 5:16

If any woman who is a believer has *dependent* widows, she must assist them and the **church** <1577 ekklesia> must not be burdened, so that it may assist those who are widows indeed.

## Philemon 1:2

and to Apphia our sister, and to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church <1577 ekklesia> in your house:

#### Hebrews 2:12

saying, "I WILL PROCLAIM YOUR NAME TO MY BRETHREN, IN THE MIDST OF THE CONGREGATION <1577 ekklesia> I WILL SING YOUR PRAISE."

#### Hebrews 12:23

to the general assembly and **church** <1577 ekklesia> of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the Judge of all, and to the spirits of *the* righteous made perfect,

#### James 5:14

Is anyone among you sick? *Then* he must call for the elders of the **church** <1577 ekklesia> and they are to pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord;

#### 3 John 1:6

and they have testified to your love before the **church** <1577 ekklesia>. You will do well to send them on their way in a manner worthy of God.

#### 3 John 1:9

I wrote something to the **church** <1577 ekklesia>; but Diotrephes, who loves to be first among them, does not accept what we say.

## 3 John 1:10

For this reason, if I come, I will call attention to his deeds which he does, unjustly accusing us with wicked words; and not satisfied with this, he himself does not receive the brethren, either, and he forbids those who desire *to do so* and puts *them* out of the **church** <1577 ekklesia>.

## Revelation 1:4

John to the seven **churches** <1577 ekklesia> that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace, from Him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven Spirits who are before His throne,

## Revelation 1:11

saying, "Write in a book what you see, and send *it* to the seven **churches** <1577 ekklesia>: to Ephesus and to Smyrna and to Pergamum and to Thyatira and to Sardis and to Philadelphia and to Laodicea."

## Revelation 1:20

"As for the mystery of the seven stars which you saw in My right hand, and the seven golden lampstands: the seven stars are the angels of the seven churches <1577 ekklesia>, and the seven lampstands are the seven churches <1577 ekklesia>.

#### Revelation 2:1

"To the angel of the **church** <1577 ekklesia> in Ephesus write: The One who holds the seven stars in His right hand, the One who walks among the seven golden lampstands, says this:

## Revelation 2:7

'He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the **churches** <1577 ekklesia>. To him who overcomes, I will grant to eat of the tree of life which is in the Paradise of God.'

#### Revelation 2:8

"And to the angel of the **church** <1577 ekklesia> in Smyrna write: The first and the last, who was dead, and has come to life, says this:

## Revelation 2:11

'He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the **churches** <1577 ekklesia>. He who overcomes will not be hurt by the second death.'

#### Revelation 2:12

"And to the angel of the **church** <1577 ekklesia> in Pergamum write: The One who has the sharp two-edged sword says this:

## Revelation 2:17

'He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the **churches** <1577 ekklesia>. To him who overcomes, to him I will give *some* of the hidden manna, and I will give him a white stone, and a new name written on the stone which no one knows but he who receives it.'

#### Revelation 2:18

"And to the angel of the **church** <1577 ekklesia> in Thyatira write: The Son of God, who has eyes like a flame of fire, and His feet are like burnished bronze, says this:

## Revelation 2:23

'And I will kill her children with pestilence, and all the **churches** <1577 ekklesia> will know that I am He who searches the minds and hearts; and I will give to each one of you according to your deeds.

## Revelation 2:29

'He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches <1577 ekklesia>.'

## Revelation 3:1

"To the angel of the **church** <1577 ekklesia> in Sardis write: He who has the seven Spirits of God and the seven stars, says this: 'I know your deeds, that you have a name that you are alive, but you are dead.

#### Revelation 3:6

'He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the **churches** <1577 ekklesia>.'

## Revelation 3:7

"And to the angel of the **church** <1577 ekklesia> in Philadelphia write: He who is holy, who is true, who has the key of David, who opens and no one will shut, and who shuts and no one opens, says this:

#### Revelation 3:13

'He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the **churches** <1577 ekklesia>.'

#### Revelation 3:14

"To the angel of the **church** <1577 ekklesia> in Laodicea write: The Amen, the faithful and true Witness, the Beginning of the creation of God, says this:

## Revelation 3:22

'He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches <1577 ekklesia>.'"

## Revelation 22:16

"I, Jesus, have sent My angel to testify to you these things for the **churches** <1577 ekklesia>. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star."

## **Body of Christ**

The ekklesia is the body of Christ and the body of Christ is the ekklesia. This is simply a spiritual mystery of the ekklesia as recorded in Ephesians 5:32. When the Word, the 2<sup>nd</sup> person of the Triune God became flesh, a born flesh and blood human being like you and I, that being had a temporal, mortal existence and an eternal existence. The Messiah's temporal body also had a pre-glorified temporal existence due to His bodily resurrection and an immortal glorified existence after He ascended into heaven that our glorified bodies will be like as well. The person of Messiah is also unique and unlike you and I and all other humans ever created (Adam, Ishshah) and that are born of a woman. The person of Messiah Jesus is in and of itself a distinct field of study called Christology. We will not go into that reality here, but will say that Jesus the Messiah had a temporal body while in the flesh on earth and has an eternal glorified bodily existence much in the same way that we too will be like him at our resurrection or harpazo, the miraculous change from mortal to immortal for those who are alive upon the earth when Christ returns. When we speak of the body of Christ, it is not the glorified eternal body the Lord possesses that we speak of, but the one spiritual body of which we speak. This listing below is a partial Scripture listing of verses that refer to the body of Christ.

#### Ro 7:4

Therefore, my brethren, you also were made to die to the Law through the body of Christ, so that you might be joined to another, to Him who was raised from the dead, in order that we might bear fruit for God.

## Ro 8:10

If Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, yet the spirit is alive because of righteousness.

#### Ro 12:5

so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.

## 1Co 10:16

Is not the cup of blessing which we bless a sharing in the blood of Christ? Is not the bread which we break a sharing in the body of Christ?

## 1Co 12:12

For even as the body is one and yet has many members, and all the members of the body, though they are many, are one body, so also is Christ.

#### 1Co 12:27

Now you are Christ's body, and individually members of it.

## Eph 3:6

to be specific, that the Gentiles are fellow heirs and fellow members of the body, and fellow partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel,

#### Eph 4:12

for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ;

#### Eph 5:23

For the husband is the head of the wife, as Christ also is the head of the church, He Himself being the Savior of the body.

## Php 1:20

according to my earnest expectation and hope, that I will not be put to shame in anything, but that with all boldness, Christ will even now, as always, be exalted in my body, whether by life or by death.

#### Col 1:24

Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I do my share on behalf of His body, which is the church, in filling up what is lacking in Christ's afflictions.

#### Col 2:5

For even though I am absent in body, nevertheless I am with you in spirit, rejoicing to see your good discipline and the stability of your faith in Christ.

#### Col 2:11

and in Him you were also circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, in the removal of the body of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ;

## Col 3:15

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body; and be thankful.

#### 1Th 5:23

Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved complete, without blame at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

#### Heb 10:10

By this will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

# The Way

The early ekklesia who walked according to the teachings of Christ and the Apostles were called those of "The Way."

#### Acts 9:2

and asked for letters from him to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any belonging to **the Way**, both men and women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem.

#### Acts 19:9

But when some were becoming hardened and disobedient, **speaking evil of the Way** before the people, he withdrew from them and took away the disciples, reasoning daily in the school of Tyrannus.

#### Acts 19:23

About that time there occurred no small disturbance concerning the Way.

Ac 24:14 "But this I admit to you, that according to **the Way** which they call a sect I do serve the God of our fathers, believing everything that is in accordance with the Law and that is written in the Prophets;

Ac 24:22 But Felix, having a more exact knowledge about **the Way**, put them off, saying, "When Lysias the commander comes down, I will decide your case."

When Scripture speaks of the way it is speaking of the way of the Lord. This expression appears to have its genesis from prophesy and the teachings of Jesus:

Matthew 3:3

For this is the one referred to by Isaiah the prophet when he said, "THE VOICE OF ONE CRYING IN THE WILDERNESS, 'MAKE READY **THE WAY OF THE LORD**, MAKE HIS PATHS STRAIGHT!'"

Matthew 7:13-14

"Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the way is broad that leads to destruction, and there are many who enter through it. For the gate is small and **the way is narrow** that leads to life, and there are few who find it."

John 14:6

Jesus \*said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me.

Here are other verses which also speak of the way and may contribute to the ekklesia as being of The Way.

Mt 21:32 "For John came to you in **the way of righteousness** and you did not believe him; but the tax collectors and prostitutes did believe him; and you, seeing [this,] did not even feel remorse afterward so as to believe him.

Mt 22:16 And they \*sent their disciples to Him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that You are truthful and teach **the way of God** in truth, and defer to no one; for You are not partial to any.

Mr 12:14 They \*came and \*said to Him, "Teacher, we know that You are truthful and defer to no one; for You are not partial to any, but teach the way of God in truth. Is it lawful to pay a poll-tax to Caesar, or not?

Lu 1:79 TO SHINE UPON THOSE WHO SIT IN DARKNESS AND THE SHADOW OF DEATH, To guide our feet into **the way of peace**."

Lu 20:21 They questioned Him, saying, "Teacher, we know that You speak and teach correctly, and You are not partial to any, but teach **the way of God** in truth.

Joh 1:23 He said, "I am A VOICE OF ONE CRYING IN THE WILDERNESS, 'MAKE STRAIGHT **THE WAY OF THE LORD**,' as Isaiah the prophet said."

Joh 7:46 The officers answered, "Never has a man spoken the way this man speaks."

Joh 14:4-5 "And you **know the way** where I am going." Thomas \*said to Him, "Lord, we do not know where You are going, how do we know the way?"

Ac 18:26 and he began to speak out boldly in the synagogue. But when Priscilla and Aquila heard him, they took him aside and explained to him **the way of God** more accurately.

Heb 9:8 The Holy Spirit is signifying this, that **the way into the holy place** has not yet been disclosed while the outer tabernacle is still standing,

2Pe 2:2 Many will follow their sensuality, and because of them the way of the truth will be maligned;

2Pe 2:21 For it would be better for them not to have known **the way of righteousness**, than having known it, to turn away from the holy commandment handed on to them.