

# Ekklesia—Called-Out Ones

Building His Church—The Ekklesia (Called-Out) Wall: Part 1

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## 1 Corinthians 12:27

*Now you are the Body of Christ, and each one of you is part of it.*

### Wall #1: “Basaleia” — \_\_\_\_\_ — Acts 1:3 & Acts 28:23

- The Church of Jesus Christ and His Kingdom

### Wall #2: “Koinonia” — κοινωνία — Acts 2:42-47

- The Church of Jesus Christ and His Community

### Wall #3: “Ekklesia” — ἐκκλησία

- The Church of Jesus Christ and His “\_\_\_\_\_” Ones

### Ekklesia in the Gospels:

- Matthew 16:18 “...upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.”
- Matthew 18:15-20

### Ekklesia in the Book of Acts:

- Acts 1-7: The Ekklesia in Jerusalem
- Acts 8–20: The Ekklesia spreading in the world

### Acts 20:28-31

*Keep watch over yourselves and all the **flock** of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the **church of God**, which he bought with his own blood. <sup>29</sup> I know that after I leave, **savage wolves will come in** among you and will not spare the flock. <sup>30</sup> Even from your own number men will arise and distort the truth in order to draw away disciples after them. <sup>31</sup> **So be on your guard!** Remember that for three years **I never stopped warning** each of you night and day with tears.*

### The Dangers of Erosion in the Ekklesia in the Letters to the Churches:

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
— 1 Corinthians 1-3; 11-14  
— Romans 7:14-20
2. \_\_\_\_\_  
— 1 Corinthians 5-9
3. \_\_\_\_\_  
— Galatians 1:6
4. \_\_\_\_\_  
— 1 Peter 5:6-11
5. \_\_\_\_\_  
— Revelation 3:15



## Digging Deeper

*(for group examination and conversation, and for individual reflection)*

Let's review the 3 walls of the Church so far... *(10 minutes)*

- What does it mean to build the "Kingdom of God" wall?
- What does it mean to be in "Koinonia" in the Church?

Talk through the definition given today of "Ekklesia" and how this makes a difference for you to be a member of this church. *(5 minutes)*

Open your Bibles and read together... *(10 minutes)*

- **Acts 20:28-31.** Reflect on what it means to be attacked by "savage wolves".  
— Why was this so important for Paul to give this plea to the Church at Ephesus before he was leaving them?
- **1 Peter 2:9-12.** Reflect on what it means when it says we are a "chosen people" and a "royal priesthood."  
— Why is this so important for us to live out as members of His Church?

### EXAMINATION OF TODAY'S 5 POINTS

Discuss how erosion in the Church can occur. Talk through each of the points, making sure we are all on the same page of understanding the danger of each of these. *(25 minutes)*

Now as you've thought through these 5 points...

- How can each point individually erode a church family into uselessness?
- What are the areas of erosion that you personally struggle with the most?  
— What do you think you can do about it?
- In what areas do you believe our church family struggles the most?
- What part would you play in helping keep erosion away from this church family?

### CHALLENGE ASSIGNMENT FOR THE NEXT 10 WEEKS

Encourage one another to read through these parts of Scripture in your personal time over the next weeks. As you read them carefully, look at how much instruction is given to the Ekklesia on how to avoid the erosion that can occur in the church. *(5 minutes)*

- Acts 1-20
- 1 Corinthians (all 16 chapters)
- Galatians (all 6 chapters)
- Ephesians (all 6 chapters)
- Philippians (all 4 chapters)
- Colossians (all 4 chapters)
- 1 Peter (all 5 chapters)
- John 1