

ASSESSING YOUR SPIRITUAL CONDITION
MESSAGE FOUR:
“HOW DO YOU RELATE TO THE LOCAL CHURCH?”

I THE NATURE OF THE CHURCH.

A. PREDICTED (MATT.16:18).

B. MEANING.

1. **Negatively = never used of a building, a denomination, or a state church.**
2. **Positively**
 - a. **Universal = the expression of this ecclesia is the “body of Christ” composed of all those who have been redeemed by His shed blood.**
 - b. **Local = believers assembled in one place for the purpose of worshipping God and carrying out the work of Christ.**

II DO YOU ATTEND CHURCH FAITHFULLY?

A. GOD DESIRES OUR CORPORATE WORSHIP.

1. **The Old Testament people of God met together to worship the Lord (Psa. 107:31-32; 149:1).**
2. **The New Covenant believer’s met to worship God.**
 - a. **The Lord’s Day (Rev. 1:10; 1 Cor. 16:1-2).**

III DO YOU USE YOUR SPIRITUAL GIFTS FOR THE EDIFICATION OF THE BODY?

A. CONSIDER THE “ONE ANOTHER” COMMANDS.

B. THERE ARE MANY AREAS OF CHRISTIAN MINISTRY IN AND THROUGH THE CHURCH.