

Role of a Local Church

Understanding the Church

The Church as ...

- ❖ **The Body of Christ**
- ❖ **The Temple / Building of God**
- ❖ **The Family of God**

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❖ **Acts 2:44-45**

❖ **Acts 4:32-35**

❖ **Acts 3:1-8**

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- ❖ **Ephesians 4:28**

- ❖ **1 Thessalonians 4:9-12**

- ❖ **2 Thessalonians 3:6-13**

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