

Role of the Church

A Biblical Look at God's Church

A Bit of Review

- ❖ The word “church” is used in two different ways. The Universal church and a local church
- ❖ There are some major differences between the two
 - ❖ The Universal church is made up of the saved
 - ❖ A local church can be made up of both the saved and the lost

Another Difference between the Universal and Local Church

- ❖ Universal Church is God's gift to the world
- ❖ The Local Church is God's gift to the Saints

This is significant for us to understand

Our Role as a Member of the Universal Church

- ❖ When God adds you to His church, your role is to submit to His will for you
- ❖ God's design for His church in the book of Ephesians
- ❖ 1 Peter 2:5-9 - We are a kingdom of priests

The Purpose of the Local Church

- ❖ The local church is not the workman
- ❖ The local church is designed by God to help encourage, equip, and teach one another to do the work
- ❖ The local church is supposed to be made up of saved individuals helping each other get to heaven

God's Invitation

- ❖ You do not become a saint by joining a church, you are added to the church by becoming a saint
- ❖ Just because you are a part of a great church does not mean you are automatically in a saved state
- ❖ The invitation is to do what God's word says in order to be saved and God will add you to His church

