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- **The person asking the question was wondering -- “Who constructed the church building?”**

- ▶ **Not an uncommon usage of the term “church” in our modern English.**

- ▶ **This church building, for instance, was constructed in the 1950s.**

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  - However, note that God never uses the word “church” to reference a physical structure.
  - The term “church” references a few different ideas in Scripture:
    - The collection, regardless of location, of the saved - Acts 2.47
      - Note that it is people -- 2.47; 5.11; 8.3
    - The body of Christ - Ephesians 1.22f
    - Local bodies of disciples/Christians - Acts 14.23; 14.27
    - The assembly of the local church - 1 Corinthians 11.18; 14.35



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- Whether the local church, the universal church, or the assembly, the answer is the same:
  - Jesus made the universal church -- it is His body - Ephesians 1.22f
  - Jesus made the local church in the sense that He made possible its existence - Acts 14.23
  - Jesus made the assembly in that the instructions come from His mind - 1 Corinthians 2.16



# Significance: Jesus' Church

## The Church Must Follow Him

- It is His body – He is the head - Colossians 1.18
- He has expressed His will in the Gospel - Colossians 1.24f



# **Significance: Jesus' Church**

## **The Church has been Purchased by Him**

- **Remember – the church is people**
- **Jesus purchased the church with His blood - Acts 20.28**
- **We have escaped futility by His death - 1 Peter 1. 18-20**



# Significance: Jesus' Church

## The Church will be Saved by Him

- God adds to the church those who are saved - Acts 2.47
  - How were they saved? - Acts 2.36-38
- There is salvation in His body - Ephesians 5.23
- There is salvation in no one else - Acts 4.12

