

Doctrine of the Church of God

1. The term “*church of God*” is used eight times in the New Testament in the following passages.
 - *Acts 20:28 Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the **church of God**, which he hath purchased with his own blood.*
 - *1 Corinthians 1:2 Unto the **church of God** which is at Corinth, to them that are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, with all that in every place call upon the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both theirs and ours:*
 - *1 Corinthians 10:32 Give none offence, neither to the [non believing] Jews, nor to the [non believing] Gentiles, nor to the **church of God**:*
 - *1 Corinthians 11:22 What? Have ye not houses to eat and to drink in? Or despise ye the **church of God**, and shame them that have not? What shall I say to you? Shall I praise you in this? I praise you not.*
 - *1 Corinthians 15:9 For I am the least of the apostles, that am not meet to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the **church of God**.*
 - *2 Corinthians 1:1 Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, unto the **church of God** which is at Corinth, with all the saints which are in all Achaia:*
 - *Galatians 1:13 For ye have heard of my conversation in time past in the Jews' religion, how that beyond measure I persecuted the **church of God**, and wasted it:*
 - *1 Timothy 3:5 (For if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the **church of God**?)*
2. There is no clear passage that teaches a dramatic distinction between believing Jews and believing Gentiles though recognition is made between non-believing Jews and non-believing Gentiles and the church of God.