

Ancient Paths

Ekklesia

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God's Ancient Paths

Jeremiah 6:16

This is what the Lord says:

“Stand at the crossroads and look;

ask for the ancient paths,

ask where the good way is, and walk in it,

and you will find rest for your souls.

But you said, ‘We will not walk in it.’



Ekklesia (Ek - Kaleo)

- The collective of those He called
- The gathering of those He called
- in a local context

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What constitutes a church?

**A group of local believers who gathers &
submits under an apostolically
appointed elders.**

Are you a member?

Yes you are! It's who you are!

1 Cor 12:27

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.



Church & my Calling

Gal 6:10

...let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.

Our gifts are given in the context of serving the Body, first. (Rom 12, 1 Cor 12)

Church & the Kingdom

The Kingdom is hosted in the Church.
It's the only agent that extends the Kingdom.
The ultimate proof of Kingdom success.

What Members have

- Home & Family - Eternal, God ordained.
- Instruction & Correction - to live well.
- Intercession - Prayer covering
- Care & Protection - Needs & Crises
- Kingdom Partnerships & Networks

What Members do

- Gather - Sundays, Wednesdays &...
- Serve - Bring your gift & serve each other
- Give - Tithes, Needs, Missions & Ministries
- Submit - To the leaders & build with us
- Disciple - Invest in relationships. Up & down



Ministry

- Healing: Once bitten... hurt in church
- Commitment: I have been floating around
- Repentance: Not been functioning fully
- Any prayer need aligned to this message



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