

HIS CHURCH

As a believer you are already a member of the Lord's body, which is His church. When you were born of the Spirit, you became a part of the family of God and now have a relationship with all other Christians; they are your brothers and sisters in the Lord. "For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body" (1 Corinthians 12:13).

The Lord's church is often referred to as the "invisible church." Jesus spoke of this body when he said, "I will build my church" (Matthew 16:18). It transcends all human relationships and denominational boundaries.

OUR CHURCH

Another use of the word "church" in the New Testament is in reference to local congregations of believers. Of the 117 times the word appears in the New Testament, 95 times are in reference to the local congregation. This is the "visible church." The New Testament pattern was