

A GOSPEL CHURCH

Objects to have: A Drawing of a church building, a tract with the preacher's photo.

Introduction to the lesson: We came to church today. Do you know what the church is or why we have church? The church is called many things in the Bible. It is called the Church of God. It is called a body. It is called the bride of Christ. There are many names in the Bible for a church. We are in a place that we call a church. There is more to a church than the building.

The Lesson: One day Jesus came from Heaven to earth. We celebrate that time as Christmas. Jesus grew to be a man. Then one day after thirty-three years Jesus died on the cross to pay for our sins. Three days later Jesus rose from the dead. This ended the payment for our sin and opened the doors for heaven for us.

When we ask Jesus to come into our hearts, he saves us from hell to heaven through that death burial and resurrection. We then become Jesus. Those who love Jesus and have asked him into their hearts are the church. The church is not the building, it is the people. This room is a room where the church meets, it is not the church. If you are saved you are the church.

These buildings we are meeting in are called the church buildings. The buildings are just a place we can come so we can stay out of the weather. We can stay warm in the winter and cool in the summer. When it is snowing or raining we can stay dry. The build is a place where the unsaved people can come to hear the gospel preached.

The buildings are a place where we can come to hear the Word of God taught and preached. You have come to buildings today that have a name. These buildings are called the Victory Baptist Church of Huntington, West Virginia. Our preacher's name is Pastor Douglas Marco. He preaches the Bible to us. We are suppose to come to our church every week to hear the Bible preached and to learn from the Word of God in our Sunday School Classes.

People who do not have Jesus as their Saviour are not a part of the church. When you ask Jesus to come into your heart the first thing we are to do is let other people know. That is done by walking forward at the invitation time of the service and letting the preacher know that you have asked Jesus in your heart. After we make a public profession, we get baptized. At that time we become a member of the local church

There is a verse in the Bible that tells us that we need to gather at the church buildings all the time. We are never suppose to stop going to church. Hebrews 10:25 tell us this. "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching."

Where are we suppose to be every Sunday? Yes, we are to be in church. What is the church? The people or the buildings. That is right the people who are saved. The buildings are the place we come to gather together.