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Ekklesia: The Called Out

"A community of members on earth or saints in heaven..."

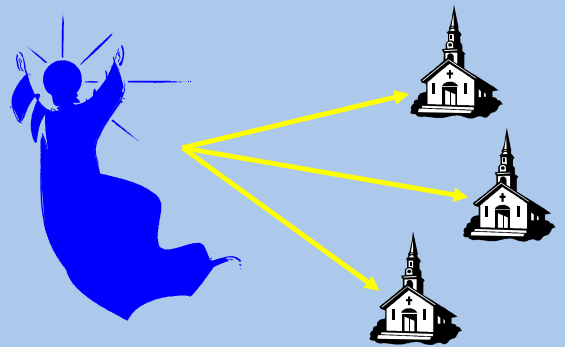
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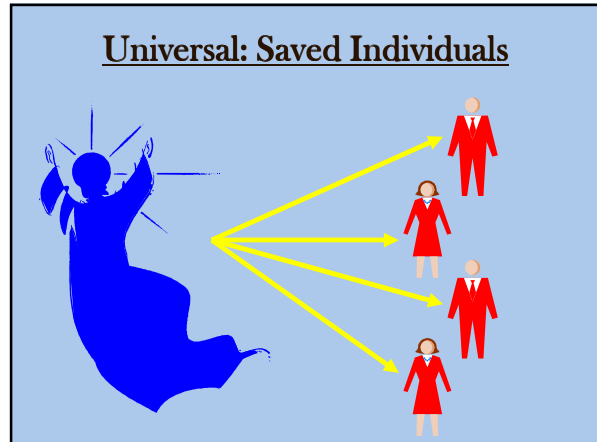
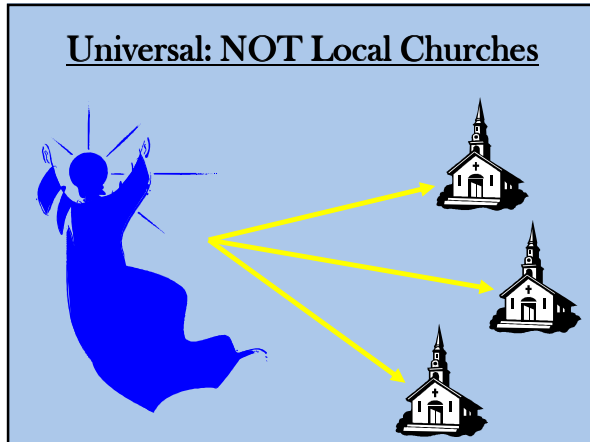
Universal & Local

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All The Saved	One Congregation
Began On Pentecost	Begin All The Time
The Lord Controls The Membership	Christians Control The Membership
No Earthly System Of Organization	May Have Elders, Deacons & Saints
A Perfect Body	An Imperfect Body

Universal: NOT Religious Groups





**When We Fail To Understand
The Difference:**

Bible Authority Is Undermined
2 John 9; John 7:14-18

**Salvation Is Subjugated In
Favor Of Church Membership**
1 Cor. 2:2; 2 Cor. 5:20

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The Difference:**

Numbers Are Over-Emphasized
1 Cor. 5:1-2, 9-11; 2 John 1:10-11

A Foundation Is Laid For Division
Eph. 4:1-4; Rom. 12:13, 15:25-26