

Names that Describe the Institution that Composes the Saved (Acts 2:47):

1. **Kingdom** - This expresses the governmental feature of the church.
 - a. Jesus is king - Acts 2:30-32 (Christ raised up to set on David's throne).
 - b. Jesus has all power (Matt. 28:18).
 - c. Citizens of kingdom are those translated from Satan's kingdom into Christ's kingdom. Col. 1:13 - "*Who hath delivered us from the power . . .*"

2. **House** - This expresses the architectural feature of the church.
 - a. Christ is the cornerstone of the structure. Acts 4:11 - "*This is the stone which was set at naught of you builders, which is become the head of the corner.*"
 - b. Christians make up the other stones. (1 Pet. 2:5) - "*Living stones*"

3. **Body** - This expresses the fellowship feature of the church.
 - a. Christ is the head of the body (Col. 1:18).
 - b. All Christians are members of the one body (1 Cor. 12:27; Rom. 12:4-5).

4. **House (household)** - Expresses the family feature of the church.
 - a. The church is God's family. Eph. 3:15 - "*Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named. . .*"
 - b. Jesus is over his house - the family is the house of God, which is the church (1 Tim. 3:15).
 - c. There are children in this family. Gal. 3:26 - "*For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus.*" Rom. 8:16,17
 - d. Nobody can join this family; all who are in it have been born into it (John 3:5).

5. **Church (ecclesia)** - Expresses the relationship of the church to the world.
 - a. Means: "*the called out*".
 - b. Christ our Savior has called us out of the world and redeemed us...those who are in his church.
 - 1 Cor. 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 their and ours:*"

Tit. 2:14 - *"Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works."*

6. **Bride** - Expresses the love that Christ has for the church.

a. Christ is the bride groom.

b. The church is the bride. (Rev. 19:7; 21:2; 22:17; Jn. 3:29; Eph. 5:22; Rom. 7:1-3).

7. **Priesthood and Temple** - Express the worship feature of the church.

a. The tabernacle of Moses in the wilderness and the temple of Solomon in Jerusalem were dedicated to the worship of God as a dwelling place of God during the Mosaic age; but today God *"dwelleth not in temples made with hands"* (Acts 17:24), but he dwells in the church (Eph. 2:22).

b. Christians are priests (1 Pet. 2:5-10); Christ is high priest (Heb. 4:14).