

DOES THE CHURCH HAVE A CHANCE?

God is working out His great purpose for mankind by calling men to Christ and by forming in Christ a new redeemed society.

The Church: building, body, bride: The main idea in these figures is that God now has an elect people in the world. Through them His purpose is being worked out and through them He plans to effect His intention for the whole universe.

This means we must fit into His intention--otherwise, our entire life is going against the current of history.

The concept of the Church as a congregation meeting under one roof is found throughout the New Testament.

This local ~~congregation~~ congregation has been and ever will be the growing point in the body. As these local congregations ~~grow~~ increase and grow in health the whole body of Christ is made stronger, but when the cells no longer grow, the health of the body of Christ is endangered,

A local congregation is viewed as the body of Christ...

I - The Power That Dwells in The Church

II - The Purposes Accomplished
Through The Church

III - The Service That Flows from
The Church