

**“We’re Not Just Trying to Be Different... We’re Just Trying to Be Right”**

***Lesson One***

***“How Should We Define the Church?”***

**Introduction**

The religious and secular worlds have several different definitions for the word “church”. Is it a building? Is it a collection of all believers? Does it simply refer to the worship services? Is it a collection of all kinds of different religions or even different churches? If we are just trying to be right, we will seek to define it as God does in the Scriptures.

**I. SEVERAL INCORRECT OR PARTIALLY CORRECT DEFINITIONS CLOUD THE TRUE MEANING OF THE WORD “CHURCH”.**

**II. THE SCRIPTURES CAREFULLY DEFINE THE MEANING AND SCOPE OF THE WORD “CHURCH”.**

### **III. WE NEED TO MAKE SURE WE HAVE THE SCRIPTURAL CONCEPT OF THE CHURCH.**

#### **Conclusion**

Our aim as New Testament Christians is not just to make ourselves different from everyone, it is to insure that we are correct... right before God. Something as basic as this definition of the word "church" will bring us closer to that goal. In the coming weeks, we'll look at other aspects of the church to insure that we are indeed correct in our thinking.