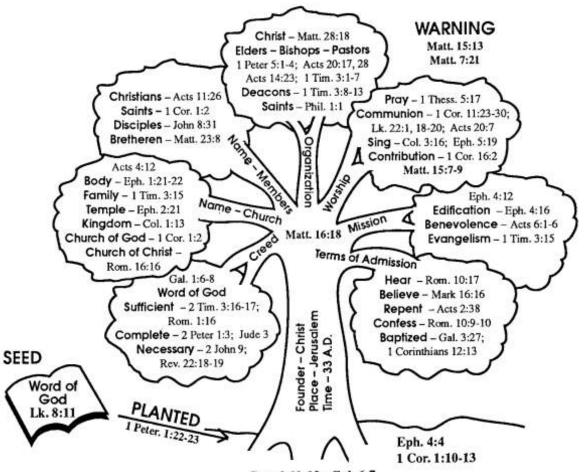
## BY WHAT AUTHORITY

L U K E 20:2-8

## WHAT IS THE CHURCH?

- It was a common word with a common meaning (Acts 7:38; 19:32-41).
- There is THE church of Christ (Matt. 16:18; Eph. 1:22-23; Col. 1:18).
- There are churches of Christ (Rom. 16:16; 1 Cor. 1:2; 11:17-34; 16:1-3; Tit. 1:5; 1 Tim. 5:16; Rev. 2-3).
- Churches come together "as the church" (1 Cor. 11:18; 14:19, 34).
- There is overlap in these usages (1 Cor. 12:12-14).

## THE NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH



Gen. 1:11-12; Gal. 6:7