

Uses of term ecclesia in New Testament

[Matthew 16:18](#)

And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my **church**, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.

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[Matthew 18:15](#)

“If your brother or sister sins, go and point out their fault, just between the two of you. If they listen to you, you have won them over.

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[Matthew 18:17](#)

If they still refuse to listen, tell it to the **church**; and if they refuse to listen even to the **church**, treat them as you would a pagan or a tax collector.

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[Acts 5:11](#)

Great fear seized the whole **church** and all who heard about these events.

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[Acts 8:1](#)

And Saul approved of their killing him. [*The **Church** Persecuted and Scattered*] On that day a great persecution broke out against the **church** in Jerusalem, and all except the apostles were scattered throughout Judea and Samaria.

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[Acts 8:3](#)

But Saul began to destroy the **church**. Going from house to house, he dragged off both men and women and put them in prison.

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[Acts 9:31](#)

Then the **church** throughout Judea, Galilee and Samaria enjoyed a time of peace and was strengthened. Living in the fear of the Lord and encouraged by the Holy Spirit, it increased in numbers.

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[Acts 11:19](#)

Now those who had been scattered by the persecution that broke out when Stephen was killed traveled as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus and Antioch, spreading the word only among Jews.

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[Acts 11:22](#)

News of this reached the **church** in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch.

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[Acts 11:26](#)

and when he found him, he brought him to Antioch. So for a whole year Barnabas and Saul met with the **church** and taught great numbers of people. The disciples were called Christians first at Antioch.

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[Acts 12:1](#)

It was about this time that King Herod arrested some who belonged to the **church**, intending to persecute them.

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[Acts 12:5](#)

So Peter was kept in prison, but the **church** was earnestly praying to God for him.

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[Acts 13:1](#)

Now in the **church** at Antioch there were prophets and teachers: Barnabas, Simeon called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen (who had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch) and Saul.

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[Acts 14:23](#)

Paul and Barnabas appointed elders for them in each **church** and, with prayer and fasting, committed them to the Lord, in whom they had put their trust.

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[Acts 14:27](#)

On arriving there, they gathered the **church** together and reported all that God had done through them and how he had opened a door of faith to the Gentiles.

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[Acts 15:3](#)

The **church** sent them on their way, and as they traveled through Phoenicia and Samaria, they told how the Gentiles had been converted. This news made all the believers very glad.

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[Acts 15:4](#)

When they came to Jerusalem, they were welcomed by the **church** and the apostles and elders, to whom they reported everything God had done through them.

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[Acts 15:22](#)

Then the apostles and elders, with the whole **church**, decided to choose some of their own men and send them to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas. They chose Judas (called Barsabbas) and Silas, men who were leaders among the believers.

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[Acts 15:30](#)

So the men were sent off and went down to Antioch, where they gathered the **church** together and delivered the letter.

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[Acts 15:41](#)

He went through Syria and Cilicia, strengthening the **churches**.

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[Acts 16:5](#)

So the **churches** were strengthened in the faith and grew daily in numbers.

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[Acts 18:22](#)

When he landed at Caesarea, he went up to Jerusalem and greeted the **church** and then went down to Antioch.

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[Acts 20:17](#)

From Miletus, Paul sent to Ephesus for the elders of the **church**.

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[Acts 20:28](#)

Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the **church** of God, which he bought with his own blood.

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[Romans 16:1](#)

I commend to you our sister Phoebe, a deacon of the **church** in Cenchreae.

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[Romans 16:4](#)

They risked their lives for me. Not only I but all the **churches** of the Gentiles are grateful to them.

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[Romans 16:5](#)

Greet also the **church** that meets at their house. Greet my dear friend Epenetus, who was the first convert to Christ in the province of Asia.

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[Romans 16:16](#)

Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the **churches** of Christ send greetings.

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[Romans 16:23](#)

Gaius, whose hospitality I and the whole **church** here enjoy, sends you his greetings. Erastus, who is the city's director of public works, and our brother Quartus send you their greetings.

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[1 Corinthians 1:2](#)

To the **church** of God in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus and called to be his holy people, together with all those everywhere who call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ—their Lord and ours:

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[1 Corinthians 1:10](#)

I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another in what you say and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly united in mind and thought.

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[1 Corinthians 3:1](#)

Brothers and sisters, I could not address you as people who live by the Spirit but as people who are still worldly—mere infants in Christ.

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[1 Corinthians 4:17](#)

For this reason I have sent to you Timothy, my son whom I love, who is faithful in the Lord. He will remind you of my way of life in Christ Jesus, which agrees with what I teach everywhere in every **church**.

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[1 Corinthians 5:12](#)

What business is it of mine to judge those outside the **church**? Are you not to judge those inside?

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[1 Corinthians 6:4](#)

Therefore, if you have disputes about such matters, do you ask for a ruling from those whose way of life is scorned in the **church**?

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[1 Corinthians 7:17](#)

Nevertheless, each person should live as a believer in whatever situation the Lord has assigned to them, just as God has called them. This is the rule I lay down in all the **churches**.

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[1 Corinthians 10:32](#)

Do not cause anyone to stumble, whether Jews, Greeks or the **church** of God—

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[1 Corinthians 11:16](#)

If anyone wants to be contentious about this, we have no other practice—nor do the **churches** of God.

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[1 Corinthians 11:18](#)

In the first place, I hear that when you come together as a **church**, there are divisions among you, and to some extent I believe it.

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[1 Corinthians 11:22](#)

Don't you have homes to eat and drink in? Or do you despise the **church** of God by humiliating those who have nothing? What shall I say to you? Shall I praise you? Certainly not in this matter!

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[1 Corinthians 12:28](#)

And God has placed in the **church** first of all apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, of helping, of guidance, and of different kinds of tongues.

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[1 Corinthians 14:4](#)

Anyone who speaks in a tongue edifies themselves, but the one who prophesies edifies the **church**.

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[1 Corinthians 14:5](#)

I would like every one of you to speak in tongues, but I would rather have you prophesy. The one who prophesies is greater than the one who speaks in tongues, unless someone interprets, so that the **church** may be edified.

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[1 Corinthians 14:12](#)

So it is with you. Since you are eager for gifts of the Spirit, try to excel in those that build up the **church**.

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[1 Corinthians 14:19](#)

But in the **church** I would rather speak five intelligible words to instruct others than ten thousand words in a tongue.

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[1 Corinthians 14:23](#)

So if the whole **church** comes together and everyone speaks in tongues, and inquirers or unbelievers come in, will they not say that you are out of your mind?

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[1 Corinthians 14:26](#)

What then shall we say, brothers and sisters? When you come together, each of you has a hymn, or a word of instruction, a revelation, a tongue or an interpretation. Everything must be done so that the **church** may be built up.

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[1 Corinthians 14:28](#)

If there is no interpreter, the speaker should keep quiet in the **church** and speak to himself and to God.

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[1 Corinthians 14:34](#)

Women should remain silent in the **churches**. They are not allowed to speak, but must be in submission, as the law says.

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[1 Corinthians 14:35](#)

If they want to inquire about something, they should ask their own husbands at home; for it is disgraceful for a woman to speak in the **church**.

[1 Corinthians 15:9](#)

For I am the least of the apostles and do not even deserve to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the **church** of God.

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[1 Corinthians 16:1](#)

Now about the collection for the Lord's people: Do what I told the Galatian **churches** to do.

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[1 Corinthians 16:19](#)

The **churches** in the province of Asia send you greetings. Aquila and Priscilla greet you warmly in the Lord, and so does the **church** that meets at their house.

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[2 Corinthians 1:1](#)

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, To the **church** of God in Corinth, together with all his holy people throughout Achaia:

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[2 Corinthians 7:2](#)

Make room for us in your hearts. We have wronged no one, we have corrupted no one, we have exploited no one.

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[2 Corinthians 8:1](#)

And now, brothers and sisters, we want you to know about the grace that God has given the Macedonian **churches**.

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[2 Corinthians 8:18](#)

And we are sending along with him the brother who is praised by all the **churches** for his service to the gospel.

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[2 Corinthians 8:19](#)

What is more, he was chosen by the **churches** to accompany us as we carry the offering, which we administer in order to honor the Lord himself and to show our eagerness to help.

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[2 Corinthians 8:23](#)

As for Titus, he is my partner and co-worker among you; as for our brothers, they are representatives of the **churches** and an honor to Christ.

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[2 Corinthians 8:24](#)

Therefore show these men the proof of your love and the reason for our pride in you, so that the **churches** can see it.

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[2 Corinthians 11:8](#)

I robbed other **churches** by receiving support from them so as to serve you.

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[2 Corinthians 11:28](#)

Besides everything else, I face daily the pressure of my concern for all the **churches**.

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[2 Corinthians 12:13](#)

How were you inferior to the other **churches**, except that I was never a burden to you? Forgive me this wrong!

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[Galatians 1:2](#)

and all the brothers and sisters with me, To the **churches** in Galatia:

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[Galatians 1:13](#)

For you have heard of my previous way of life in Judaism, how intensely I persecuted the **church** of God and tried to destroy it.

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[Galatians 1:22](#)

I was personally unknown to the **churches** of Judea that are in Christ.

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[Ephesians 1:22](#)

And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the **church**,

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[Ephesians 3:10](#)

His intent was that now, through the **church**, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms,

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[Ephesians 3:21](#)

to him be glory in the **church** and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

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[Ephesians 5:23](#)

For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the **church**, his body, of which he is the Savior.

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[Ephesians 5:24](#)

Now as the **church** submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything.

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[Ephesians 5:25](#)

Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the **church** and gave himself up for her

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[Ephesians 5:27](#)

and to present her to himself as a radiant **church**, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless.

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[Ephesians 5:29](#)

After all, no one ever hated their own body, but they feed and care for their body, just as Christ does the **church**—

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[Ephesians 5:32](#)

This is a profound mystery—but I am talking about Christ and the **church**.

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[Philippians 3:6](#)

as for zeal, persecuting the **church**; as for righteousness based on the law, faultless.

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[Philippians 4:15](#)

Moreover, as you Philippians know, in the early days of your acquaintance with the gospel, when I set out from Macedonia, not one **church** shared with me in the matter of giving and receiving, except you only;

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[Colossians 1:18](#)

And he is the head of the body, the **church**; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy.

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[Colossians 1:24](#)

Now I rejoice in what I am suffering for you, and I fill up in my flesh what is still lacking in regard to Christ's afflictions, for the sake of his body, which is the **church**.

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[Colossians 4:15](#)

Give my greetings to the brothers and sisters at Laodicea, and to Nympha and the **church** in her house.

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[Colossians 4:16](#)

After this letter has been read to you, see that it is also read in the **church** of the Laodiceans and that you in turn read the letter from Laodicea.

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[1 Thessalonians 1:1](#)

Paul, Silas and Timothy, To the **church** of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace and peace to you.

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[1 Thessalonians 2:14](#)

For you, brothers and sisters, became imitators of God's **churches** in Judea, which are in Christ Jesus: You suffered from your own people the same things those **churches** suffered from the Jews

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[2 Thessalonians 1:1](#)

Paul, Silas and Timothy, To the **church** of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

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[2 Thessalonians 1:4](#)

Therefore, among God's **churches** we boast about your perseverance and faith in all the persecutions and trials you are enduring.

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[1 Timothy 3:5](#)

(If anyone does not know how to manage his own family, how can he take care of God's **church**?)

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[1 Timothy 3:15](#)

if I am delayed, you will know how people ought to conduct themselves in God's household, which is the **church** of the living God, the pillar and foundation of the truth.

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[1 Timothy 5:16](#)

If any woman who is a believer has widows in her care, she should continue to help them and not let the **church** be burdened with them, so that the **church** can help those widows who are really in need.

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[1 Timothy 5:17](#)

The elders who direct the affairs of the **church** well are worthy of double honor, especially those whose work is preaching and teaching.

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[Philemon 1:2](#)

also to Apphia our sister and Archippus our fellow soldier—and to the **church** that meets in your home:

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[Hebrews 12:23](#)

to the **church** of the firstborn, whose names are written in heaven. You have come to God, the Judge of all, to the spirits of the righteous made perfect,

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[James 5:14](#)

Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the **church** to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord.

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[3 John 1:6](#)

They have told the **church** about your love. Please send them on their way in a manner that honors God.

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[3 John 1:9](#)

I wrote to the **church**, but Diotrephes, who loves to be first, will not welcome us.

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[3 John 1:10](#)

So when I come, I will call attention to what he is doing, spreading malicious nonsense about us. Not satisfied with that, he even refuses to welcome other believers. He also stops those who want to do so and puts them out of the **church**.

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[Revelation 1:4](#)

John, To the seven **churches** in the province of Asia: Grace and peace to you from him who is, and who was, and who is to come, and from the seven spirits before his throne,

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[Revelation 1:11](#)

which said: “Write on a scroll what you see and send it to the seven **churches**: to Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamum, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia and Laodicea.”

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[Revelation 1:20](#)

The mystery of the seven stars that you saw in my right hand and of the seven golden lampstands is this: The seven stars are the angels of the seven **churches**, and the seven lampstands are the seven **churches**.

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[Revelation 2:1](#)

“To the angel of the **church** in Ephesus write: These are the words of him who holds the seven stars in his right hand and walks among the seven golden lampstands.

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[Revelation 2:7](#)

Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the **churches**. To the one who is victorious, I will give the right to eat from the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God.

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[Revelation 2:8](#)

“To the angel of the **church** in Smyrna write: These are the words of him who is the First and the Last, who died and came to life again.

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[Revelation 2:11](#)

Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the **churches**. The one who is victorious will not be hurt at all by the second death.

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[Revelation 2:12](#)

“To the angel of the **church** in Pergamum write: These are the words of him who has the sharp, double-edged sword.

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[Revelation 2:17](#)

Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the **churches**. To the one who is victorious, I will give some of the hidden manna. I will also give that person a white stone with a new name written on it, known only to the one who receives it.

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[Revelation 2:18](#)

“To the angel of the **church** in Thyatira write: These are the words of the Son of God, whose eyes are like blazing fire and whose feet are like burnished bronze.

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[Revelation 2:23](#)

I will strike her children dead. Then all the **churches** will know that I am he who searches hearts and minds, and I will repay each of you according to your deeds.

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[Revelation 2:29](#)

Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the **churches**.

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[Revelation 3:1](#)

“To the angel of the **church** in Sardis write: These are the words of him who holds the seven spirits of God and the seven stars. I know your deeds; you have a reputation of being alive, but you are dead.

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[Revelation 3:6](#)

Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the **churches**.

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[Revelation 3:7](#)

“To the angel of the **church** in Philadelphia write: These are the words of him who is holy and true, who holds the key of David. What he opens no one can shut, and what he shuts no one can open.

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[Revelation 3:13](#)

Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the **churches**.

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[Revelation 3:14](#)

“To the angel of the **church** in Laodicea write: These are the words of the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the ruler of God’s creation.

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[Revelation 3:22](#)

Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the **churches.**”

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[Revelation 22:16](#)

“I, Jesus, have sent my angel to give you this testimony for the **churches.** I am the Root and the Offspring of David, and the bright Morning Star.”

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