

12 Biblical Metaphors for the Church

Note: Some collective terms, some local

Scriptures	Group	Individual	Jesus	Father God	Significance
Rom 16:16 Titus 2:14 Acts 20:28	The Church – of Christ – of God	Saints The Redeemed	Saviour Purchaser Redeemer	-	1. Christ's Possession 2. Holiness
1 Tim 3:15	Household	Children Brothers	Firstborn Eldest Son	Father	Family: Love & Care
Col 1:13 Phil 3:20	Kingdom	Citizens	King/Judge	King	Authority: Privileges Obligations
Eph 2:19-22 1 Cor 3:11	Temple Building	Stones	Foundation Chief Corner-stone	Architect	1. God's Presence 2. Support and Dependency
1 Pet 2:9 Heb 2:17	Priesthood	Priests	High Priest	God	Service
Luke 17:7-10	Servants	Servant	Lord	-	Selfless Obedience
John 15:5	Branch	Branches	Vine	Husbandman	Ability to produce fruit
1 Cor 12:12-27 Rom 12:4-5 Col 1:18	Body	Members	Head	-	Support and Dependency
Acts 11:26 1 Pet 4:16	Christians	Christian	Christ	-	Christ's Possession and Household
Luke 14:27 Acts 11:26 Matt 28:16	Disciples	Disciple	Teacher	-	Student of Jesus Become a carbon copy of Jesus
1 Pet 2:25 1 Pet 5:2-4	Flock	Sheep	Shepherd	-	Protection of caring for by Jesus
2 Tim 2:3-4 Eph 6:10-17	Army	Soldier	Commander	-	Fight spiritual battles for Jesus
Eph 5:22-32 Rev 21	Wife Bride	-	Husband Groom	-	Intimate Spiritual Relationship