**WHAT THE BIBLE TEACHES ABOUT THE CHURCH**

***Study 1 – The Meaning and Uses of the Word “Church”***

Introduction-

**I. *THE ENGLISH WORD “CHURCH”***

 1- Its Derivation

 2- Its Popular Uses

 a) Local congregation

 b) Denominational group

 c) Universal body

 d) Building

 e) Believers in an area

**II. *THE GREEK WORD “EKKLESIA”***

 1- Its Derivation- ek & kaleo

 2- The General Use of Ekklesia

 a) The Jewish assembly of the OT-

 b) The Jewish synagogue assembly?-

 c) A political assembly

 d) The Christian church

 3- The Specific Uses of Ekklesia with Reference to the Christian Church

 a) The universal church- 16 times

 b) The local church- 92 times

 c) The historical church- 1 time

 d) The overlap between these three

 e) The distinctions between these three

 f) The terms used of these three