**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