**WHAT THE BIBLE TEACHES ABOUT THE CHURCH**

***Study 6 – The Nature of the Church (3)***

Introduction-

**I. *THE PEOPLE OF GOD***

**II. *THE BODY OF CHRIST***

**III. *THE FLOCK***

 1- The Use of This Metaphor

 2- The Ownership of the Flock

 3- The Shepherding of the Flock

 4- The Subjection of the Flock

**IV. *THE TEMPLE OF GOD***

 1- The Composition of the Building

 a) The foundation

 b) The cornerstone

 c) The stones

 - lithos

 Not petros or petra

 2- The Construction of the Building

 a) Joining the foundation

 b) Fitting the stones

 c) Increasing the structure

 3- The Nature of the Building

 a) A temple- hieron and naos

 b) The dwelling place of God

**V. *THE PRIESTHOOD***

 1- The Office of Priest

 2- The Qualifications of the Priesthood

 a) Chosen by God

 b) Sanctified by God