

The Church According to Paul's Revelation

Teachers: Rex Beck and Ben Sheu

Time: Wednesdays 7:00-8:00 PM ET

Class size: No limit

When a person becomes a believer, they are made a part of the body of Christ through the work of the Holy Spirit and are set to enjoy (drink) the Spirit through their advancing Christian life in the body. Thus, they are joined to other believers Spiritually and experience this union in context of a church life. This class explores nine ways the apostle Paul describes the church in both vision and practice. It will start with apostles, continue by exploring the body of Christ in vision and practice, and conclude with practical workings of the church that should help the students live out the vision they've seen. The final class presents the vision of the New Man, which might be a peak revelation of the apostle Paul.

Class Format: Classes will be lecture style, joining with the regular sharing of the teacher with this year's Christian internship. There will be a short time for discussion afterwards over Zoom.

Homework: There will be no homework for this class. However, the week before each class, outlines will be made available that can be used for small group discussion in preparation for the class. Discussion questions will be found on the bottom of each outline to help facilitate group fellowship.

Week-by-week Schedule:

1. Apostles, prophets, evangelists, shepherds and teachers
2. The body of Christ
3. Gifts, ministries, and operations as growth in the church life
4. The church in a city
5. Elders and deacons—learning from their qualifications
6. How to edify believers in the church
7. How the saints arrive at the riches of Christ in the church life
8. Eight: The church is a great house, how to navigate the church life
9. Nine: The new man