

# Paul – His Theology

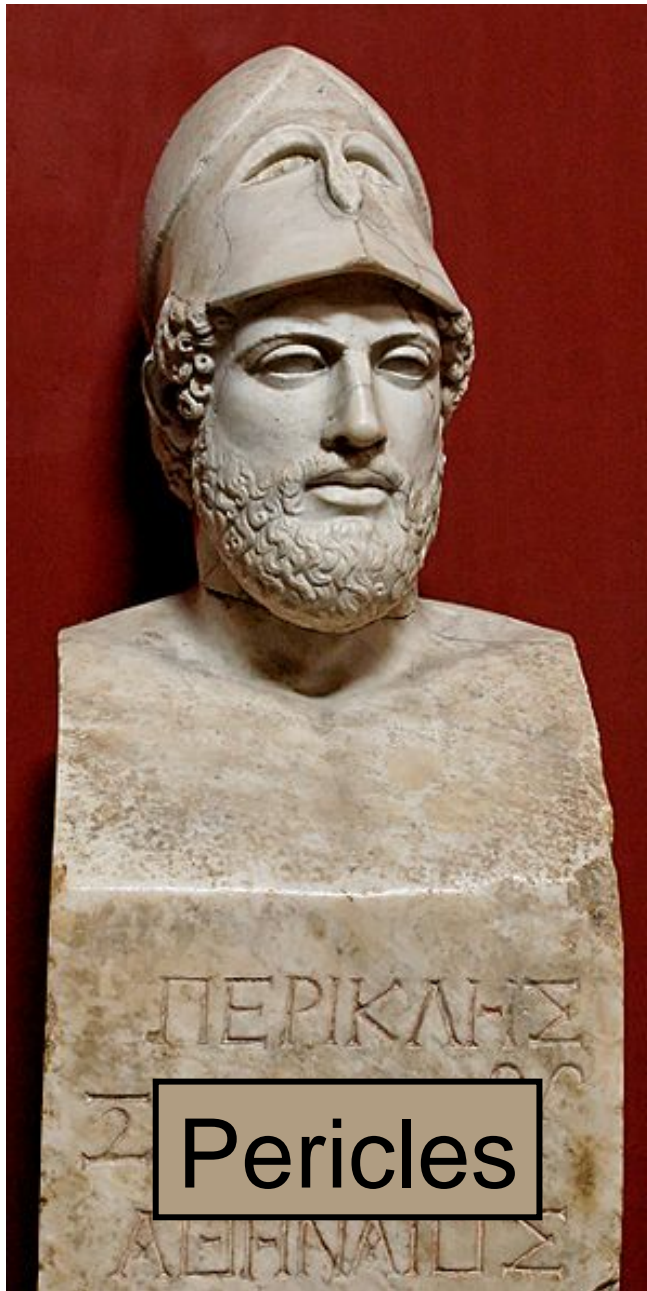


## The Church Overview

### Lesson 48

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Pericles



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430 BC



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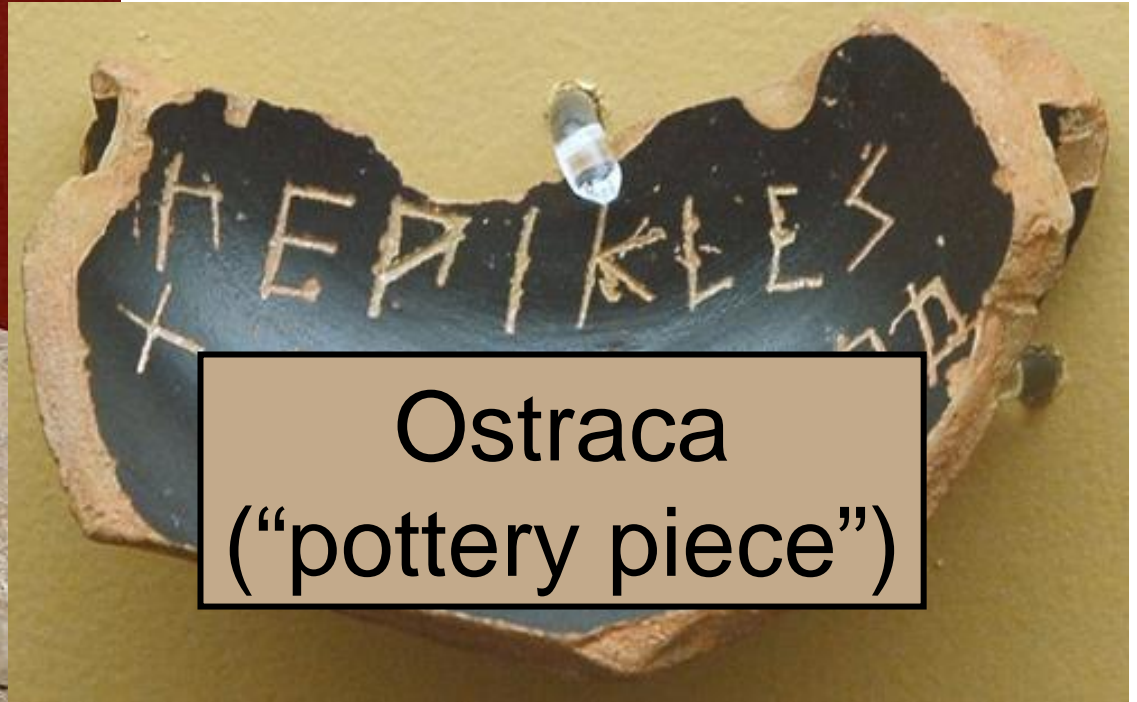




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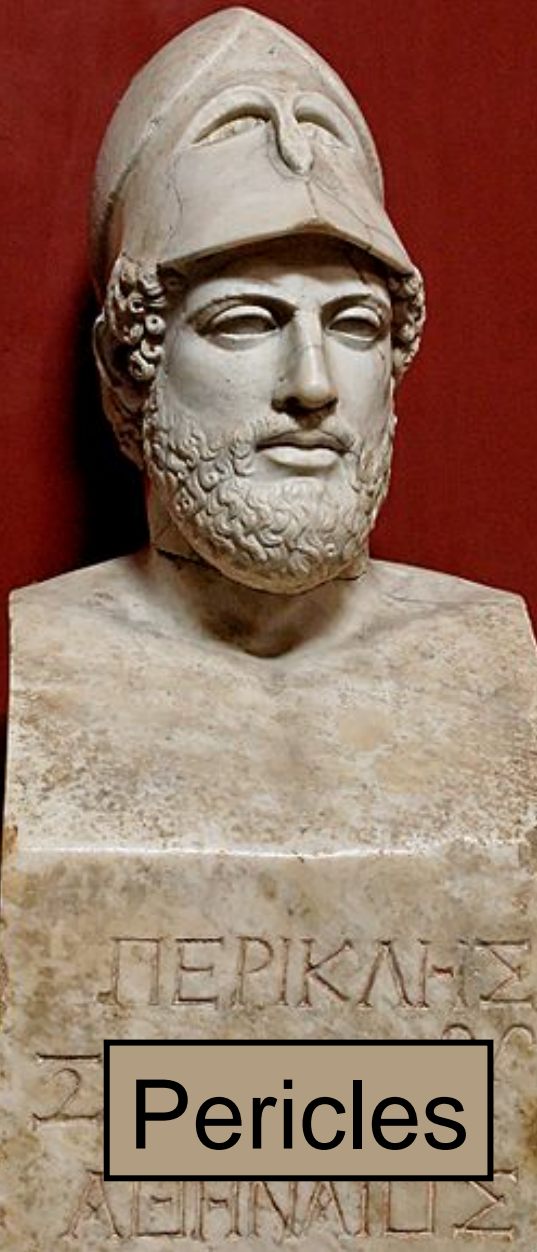
Pericles



Ostraca  
("pottery piece")

430 BC

“Assembly”



Pericles



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Assembly

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Aristotle  
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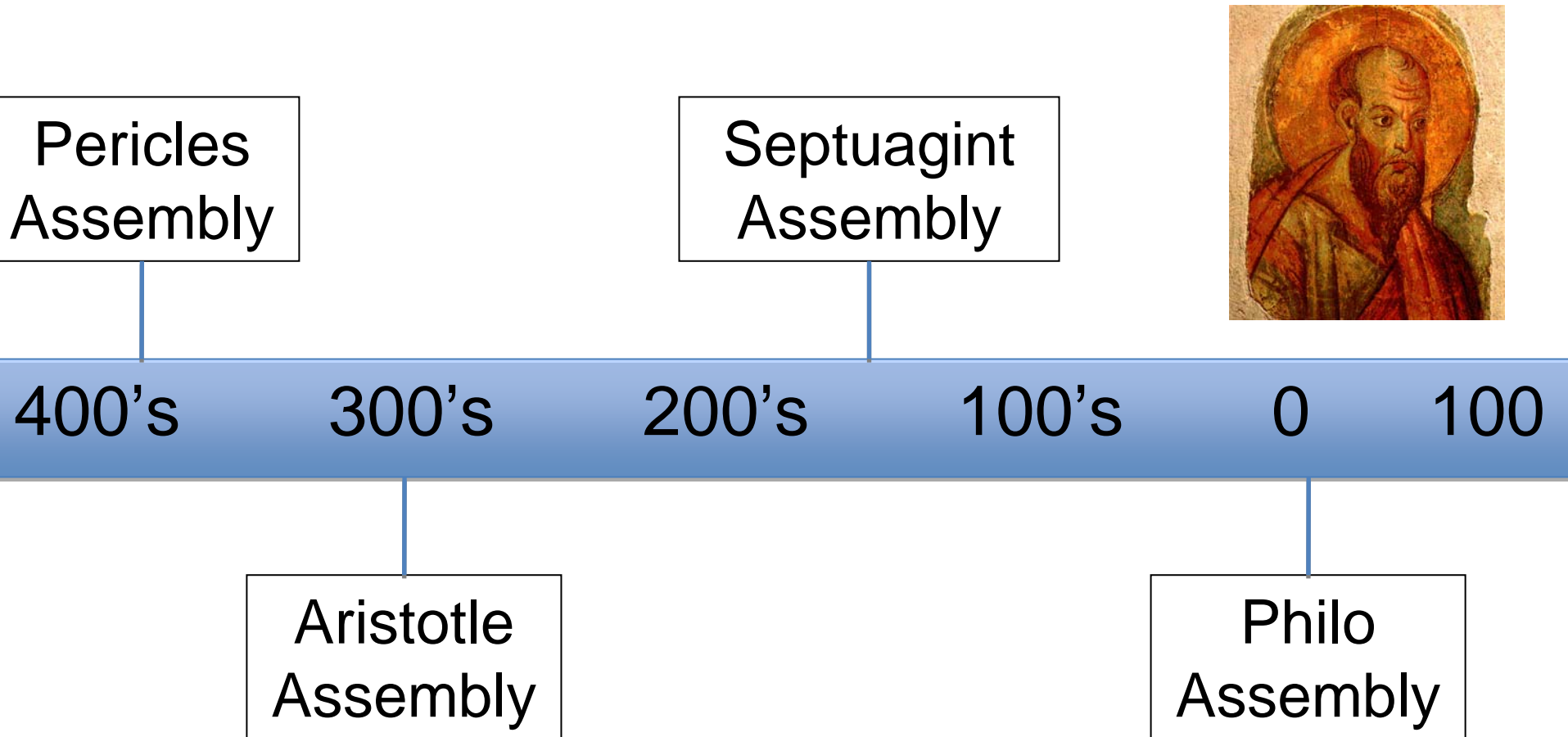


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Aristotle  
Assembly

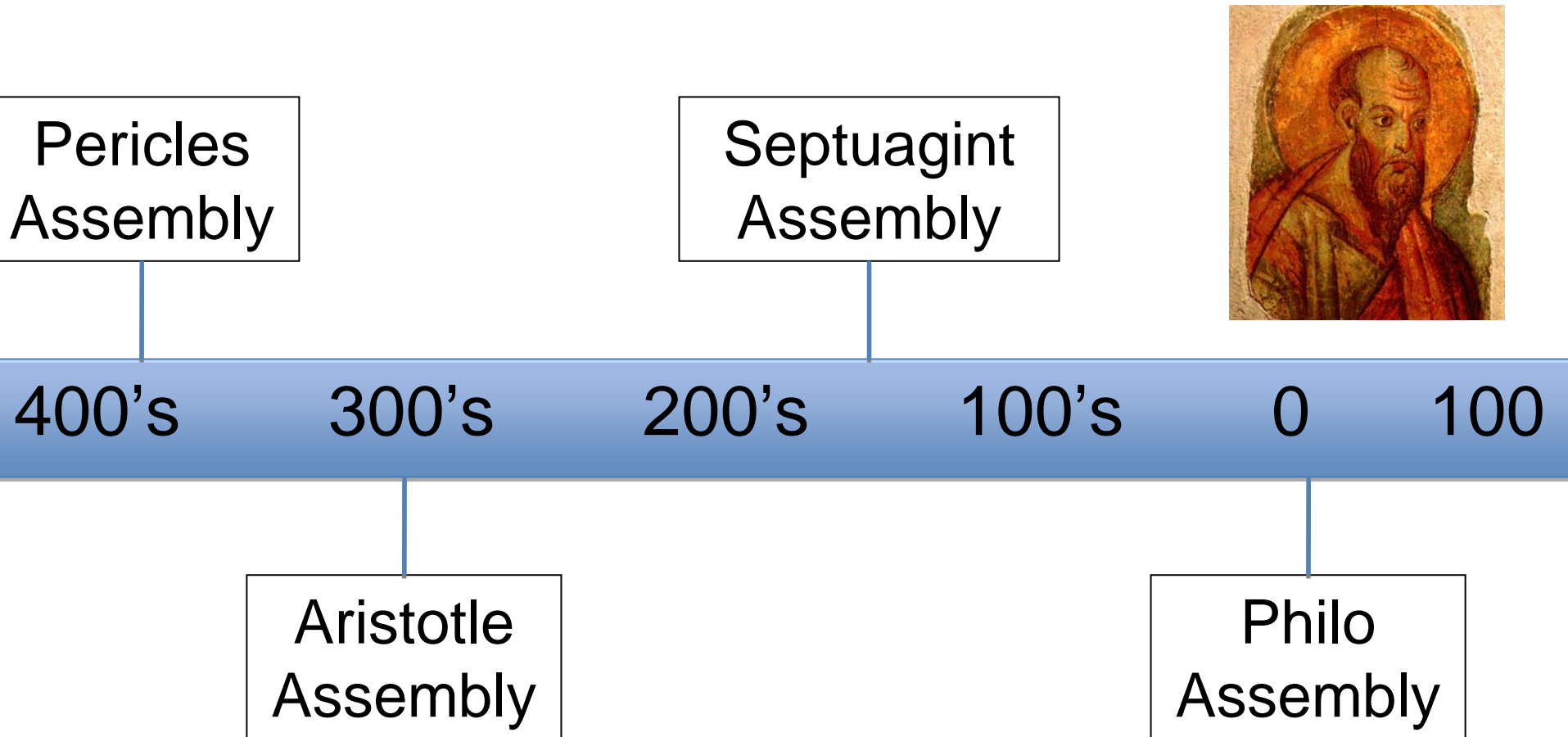
Philo  
Assembly

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Our Bibles translate this word: “Church”

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an “Assembly” or “Gathering”



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NOT a “building” or even a “structured  
group”



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- The Local Church/Assembly

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Paul writes of:

- A Heavenly Church/Assembly

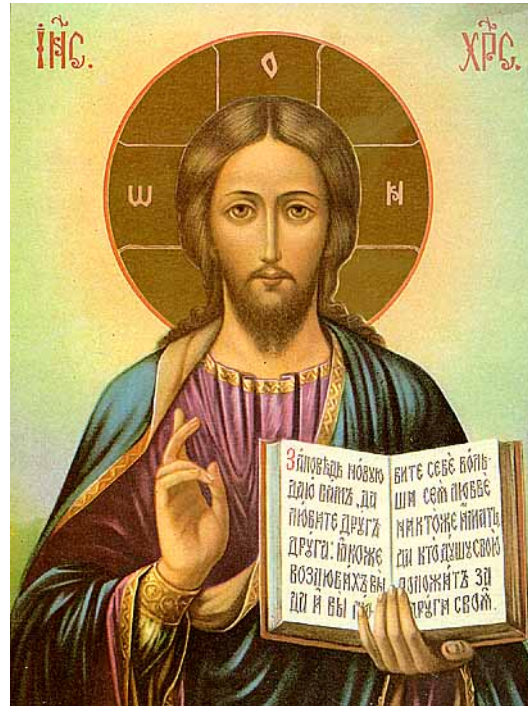
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A Temple

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The “Body” of Christ



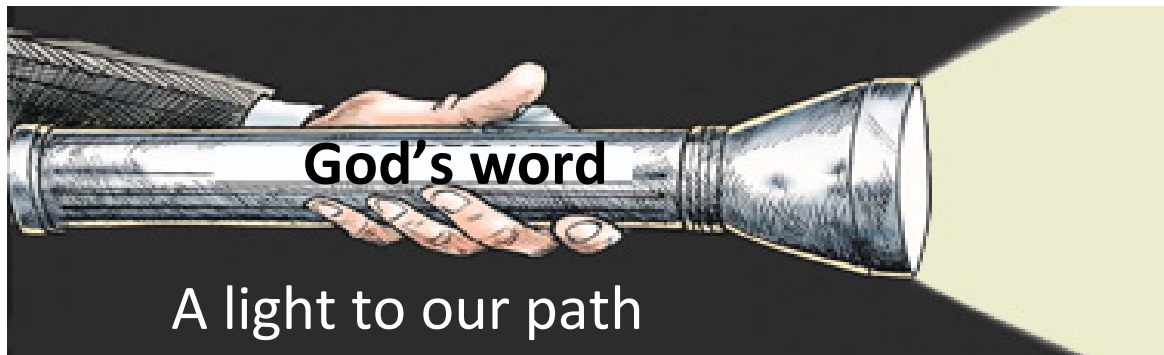
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The “Household” of God



Israel  
Purpose  
Roles and  
Organization



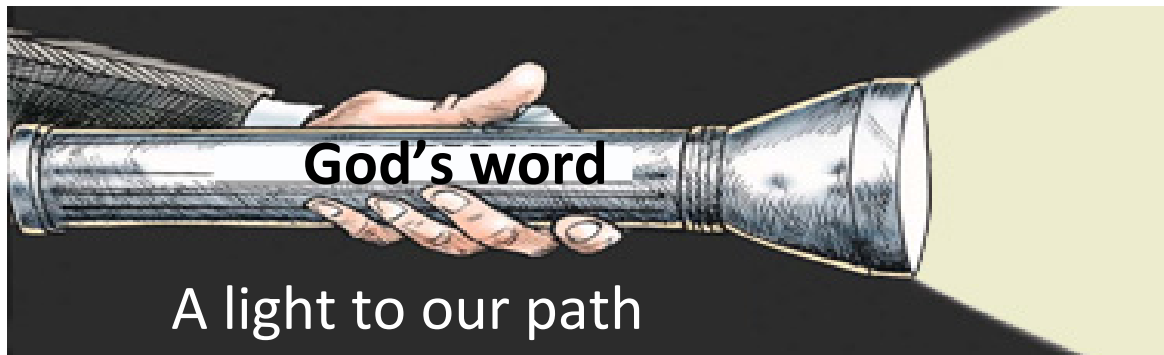
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*“To the Church of the Thessalonians in  
God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ”*

(I Thess. 1:1)

***Not a building or  
denomination***



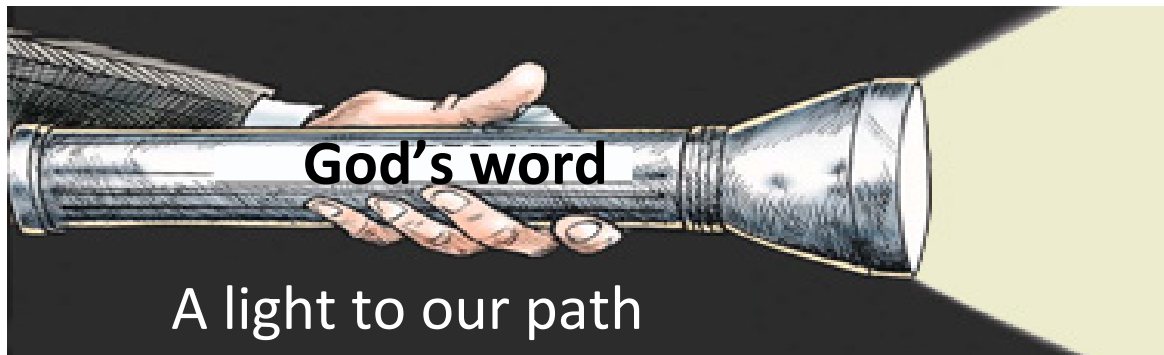
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*“To him be glory in the Church and in  
Christ Jesus throughout all generations,  
forever and ever. Amen.”*

(Eph. 3:20-21)

***One day ...***



## Points for Home

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*“The household of God, which is the church of the living God.”*

(1 Tim. 3:15)

***How can you better relate to  
your church family?***