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Basically, "the church" consists of those, whose names are written in THE BOOK OF LIFE. This phrase occurs 8 times:

Phil 4:3 Rev 3:5 Rev 13:8 Rev 17:8 Rev 20:12 Revelation 20:15 (White throne judgement) And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire. Rev 21:27 Rev 22:19

1 Corinthians 12:12-28 For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ. [13] For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit. [14] For the body is not one member, but many. [18] But now hath God set the members every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased him. [25] That there should be no schism in the body; but that the members should have the same care one for another. [26] And whether one member suffer, all the members suffer with it; or one member be honoured, all the members rejoice with it.

Colossians 1:18, 24 And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence. [24] Who now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up that which is behind of the afflictions of Christ in my flesh for his body's sake, which is the church:

1 Timothy 3:5 (bishop, deacon) (For if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God?)

1 Timothy 3:15 But if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth.

(Church bishop) Titus 1:6-9 If any be blameless, the husband of one wife, having faithful children not accused of riot or unruly. [7] For a bishop must be blameless, as the steward of God; not selfwilled, not soon angry, not given to wine, no striker, not given to filthy lucre; [8] But a lover of hospitality, a lover of good men, sober, just, holy, temperate; [9] Holding fast the faithful word as he hath been taught, that he may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers.