

Bereans Bible Institute
Module VIII – The Christian Assembly
Lesson 01 – The Meaning of ‘Ekklesia’

- I. ἐκκλησία (ekklesia) = ek: out from among + kaleo: to call or summon an assembly
- A. Refers to an EVENT & PEOPLE gathered, not to the place of gathering
 - 1. Event: Deut. 9:10, Acts 19:29-32,41
 - 2. People assembled: Judges 20:2; Acts 14:27
 - 3. Required physical presence within the assembled group, not merely ‘membership’ or ‘association.’
 - B. Two kinds of Christian ἐκκλησία
 - 1. Local assembly that meets regularly
 - 2. The ‘universal assembly’ which will occur at the resurrection (Heb. 12:22-23 (Isa. 66:10) πανηγύρις (feast gathering – Tabernacles)
 - 3. NO ‘UNIVERSAL’ CHURCH before this event.