



*ISAIAH 9:6* FOR UNTO US A  
CHILD IS BORN,  
UNTO US A SON IS GIVEN;  
**AND THE GOVERNMENT  
WILL BE UPON HIS  
SHOULDER...**

**ISAIAH 9:7A OF THE  
INCREASE**

**OF HIS GOVERNMENT AND  
PEACE THERE WILL BE NO  
END,**

**JOHN 1:51A [AMP] THEN HE  
SAID TO HIM, "I ASSURE  
YOU *AND MOST SOLEMNLY*  
SAY TO YOU,**

**JOHN 1:51B [AMP] YOU WILL  
SEE HEAVEN OPENED AND THE  
ANGELS OF GOD ASCENDING  
AND DESCENDING ON THE  
SON OF MAN [THE BRIDGE  
BETWEEN HEAVEN AND  
EARTH].”**

# 1. DEFINE CHURCH ... ECCLESIA

***ACTS 14:21-23***

**ACTS 14:21 AND WHEN THEY HAD  
PREACHED THE GOSPEL TO THAT  
CITY AND MADE MANY  
DISCIPLES, THEY RETURNED TO  
LYSTRA, ICONIUM, AND  
ANTIOCH,**

ACTS 14:22 STRENGTHENING THE  
SOULS OF THE  
DISCIPLES, EXHORTING THEM TO  
CONTINUE IN THE FAITH,  
AND SAYING, "WE MUST  
THROUGH MANY TRIBULATIONS  
ENTER THE KINGDOM OF GOD."

ACTS 14:23 SO WHEN THEY  
HAD **APPOINTED ELDERS** IN  
EVERY CHURCH, **AND PRAYED**  
**WITH FASTING**, THEY  
**COMMENDED THEM** TO THE LORD  
IN WHOM THEY HAD BELIEVED.

ECCLESIA:

FROM *EK*, "OUT OF,"  
AND *KLEISIS*, "A CALLING"  
(*KALEO*, "TO CALL")

THE "CALLED OUT" ONES

THE CHURCH IS DESCRIBED  
AS "THE CHURCH WHICH IS  
HIS BODY," EPH 1:22; 5:23,

**A GOOD EXAMPLE OF THE  
CHURCH IS WHEN CHRIST  
SAID, "I WILL BUILD MY  
CHURCH... MY  
ECCLESIA," MATT. 16:18.**

**2. WHAT TYPE OF  
CHURCH IS  
THE BRIDGE CHURCH?**

**WE ARE NON-  
DENOMINATIONAL...  
MEANING THAT EVERYONE  
IS WELCOME...**

**THE BRIDGE CHURCH IS A  
CHURCH CONNECTED IN  
RELATIONSHIPS.**

**TBC IS A BIBLE BELIEVING  
CHURCH WITH A  
COMMITMENT TO THE LIFE-  
GIVING FLOW OF THE HOLY  
SPIRIT AND THE PRACTICAL  
MINISTRY OF THE WORD OF  
GOD.**

# **3. DEFINE THE BRIDGE CHURCH**

**1. THE BRIDGE CHURCH IS...**  
***INTERDENOMINATIONAL***

**...INVOLVING OR  
OCCURRING BETWEEN  
DIFFERENT  
DENOMINATIONS.**

1 JOHN 4:15 ALL WHO **DECLARE**  
**[CONFESS, PROFESS]** THAT JESUS  
IS THE SON OF GOD HAVE GOD  
**LIVING IN THEM, AND THEY LIVE**  
**IN GOD.**

**2. THE BRIDGE CHURCH IS...**

***INDEPENDENT***

**WE ARE NOT DIRECTLY  
CONNECTED TO OR UNDER  
THE AUTHORITY OF A  
DENOMINATION.**

**[1] NOT SUBJECT TO CONTROL  
BY OTHERS.**

***WE HAVE OUR OWN CHURCH  
GOVERNMENT.***

**[2] NOT REQUIRING OR  
RELYING ON SOMEONE  
ELSE.**

***WE TAKE CARE OF OUR  
OWN NEEDS.***

**[3] NOT AFFILIATED WITH A  
LARGER CONTROLLING  
UNIT.**

***WE ARE NOT IN A  
DENOMINATION.***

**[4] WE DO NOT HAVE TO  
ACCEPT HELP FROM OR  
NOT UNDER ANY  
OBLIGATION TO OTHERS.**

**WE ARE A 501C3 NON-PROFIT  
ORGANIZATION INCORPORATED  
WITHIN THE STATE OF  
ARKANSAS AND THE U.S. BY  
THE IRS.**

**BEING INDEPENDENT DOES  
NOT MEAN WE ARE NOT  
ACCOUNTABLE!**

**3. THE BRIDGE CHURCH IS...**

***INTERDEPENDENT***

***“NO CHURCH IS AN ISLAND,  
ENTIRE OF ITSELF;  
EVERY CHURCH IS A PIECE OF  
THE BODY OF CHRIST, A PART  
OF KINGDOM.”***

**[1] TO DEPEND ON ONE  
ANOTHER.**

**[2] A MUTUAL  
DEPENDENCE.**

**WE ARE DEPENDENT UPON  
THE REST OF THE BODY OF  
CHRIST... FOR FELLOWSHIP  
AND RELATIONSHIP.**

**MATT. 16:18 “AND I SAY ALSO  
UNTO THEE, THAT THOU ART  
PETER, AND UPON THIS ROCK  
I WILL BUILD MY CHURCH;  
[ECCLESIA] AND THE GATES OF  
HELL SHALL NOT PREVAIL  
AGAINST IT.”**

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