

## WHAT HINDERS THE CHURCH?

### WHAT THE CHURCH IS NOT:

1. It is not the world. *John 17:14*
2. The church is not the state.  
(1) The Pope would unite church and state and be head over both. Christ is the head. Eph. 1:22, 23.
3. The church is not a denomination. Not named by man.  
(1) Christ built his church. Matt. 16:18.  
(2) Christ is not divided. 1 Cor. 1:10-13.

### WHAT THE CHURCH IS:

1. The church is the house, family, household of God. Eph. 2:19; 1 Tim. 3:15.
2. The church is the Kingdom of Christ. Matthew 16:18, 19; John 3:5.
3. The church is the Body of Christ. Eph. 1:22,23; Col. 1:18, 24.

### WHAT IT MEANS TO HINDER:

1. HINDER means: To keep back; Check; Obstruct; Embarrass.
2. EXAMPLES:  
(1) The Ethiopian. Acts 8:36.  
(2) Lest the gospel be embarrassed. 1 Cor. 9:12  
(3) Ye did run well. Gal. 5:7. Satan hindered 1 Thess. 2:18

### WHAT HINDERS THE CHURCH TODAY?:

1. WORLDLINESS:  
(1) Be not conformed to World. Rom. 12:2.  
(2) Loved this present world. 2 Tim. 4:10.
2. COMPLACENCY:  
(1) Contentment... Satisfaction... Self-satisfaction. CLOSES OUR EYES TO OPPORTUNITIES
3. NEGLECT: *Dreamed, talked, Song of the land of Freedom*  
(1) How shall we escape? Heb. 2:1-3.  
(2) Want of heedfulness on the part of professing Christians is a great evil.  
*Specified the malice hoarse for God. but were not willing to follow him*  
"My people doth not consider." Isa. 1:18

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