

## Lecture 19 – The Doctrine of the Church: The Attributes of the Church (cont.)

*And they sang a new song: You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased men for God from every tribe and language and people and nation. You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God, and they will reign on the earth.*  
*Revelation 5:9-10*

### Key Terms

Attribute, unity, sanctity, catholicity, apostolicity, objective reality & subjective unity

### Lecture Objectives

- To list and describe the four attributes of the church
- To explore some of the important applications of these attributes for the life and ministry of believers and the church

### Preview

Our fundamental conviction thus far has been that an understanding of what the church is must precede what the church does. We have finished studying the unity and sanctity of the church. We will now proceed to discuss the final two attributes of the church, catholicity, and apostolicity. Prior outline points have been listed for continuity.

### The Doctrine of the Church: The Attributes of the Church (cont.)

I. The Doctrine of the Holy Spirit

II. The Doctrine of Election

III. The Doctrine of the Church

A. The nature of the church

B. The marks of the church: Word, sacraments, discipline

C. Attributes of the church

1. Unity

2. Sanctity

\*3. Catholicity

a. Matthew 28:19

b. Galatians 3:26-28

c. Revelation 5:9-10

d. Applications

1) Discrimination

2) Denominational superiority

3) Broad view

4) Para-church ministries

4. Apostolicity

a. John 17:20

b. Acts 2:42

c. Galatians 1:6-12

d. Application

1) Protestant subjectivity

2) Trained ministers

3) Biblical preaching

5. Excursus on the marks and attributes of the church

a. Terminology

1) Apostasy

2) Heresy

3) Schism

b. A theological perspective on degrees of error

*See Appendix D for chart*