

Dr. Panosean's comparison of the Universal and the Local church:

Universal Church	Local Church
Immortal	Temporal
Spiritual	Ecclesiastical
Ideal	Institutional
Internal	External
Generated (born)	Organized (made)
Organism	Organization
One/singular	Many/plural
Essential (essence)	Substantial
An existence	An expression
Relationship	Fellowship
Positional	Conditional
Divinely constituted	Humanly instituted
Universal	Local
Militant and triumphant	Militant
Perfect purity	Mixture of pure and impure
Invisible	Visible
Salvation	Profession
Theological	Missiological
True Christians	True Christianity
The Church age (Pentecost to Rapture)	Our present age

Both are established, required, ruled, and used by God and His Word.

Kevin's note: When it comes to the church militant, the ideal for the universal church is that it only include local church members, and the ideal for the local church is that it only include universal church members; the militant church experiences the triumph of victory in spiritual warfare to the degree these ideals are true. Both the inclusion of non-local church members in the universal church and of non-universal church member in local churches are abnormalities that weaken the church militant in spiritual battle.