

## **The dimension of Being Unity of the Church in New Testament Terminology**

New Testament does not contain a clear definition of the church, but only different descriptions of it. Therefore, concerning the theology about the church, or New Testament ecclesiology, we may affirm that it did not develop from an abstract concept, or from a special notion, but from a living experience of the Christians of the apostolic century, with Christ, and which expressed a certain state they were in compared with the life of the divine-human Person of Christ. From this point of view, we can say that the New Testament ecclesiology express the Christian experience with Christ and nothing more. Therefore, the ecclesiological terms, which New Testament contains, are given from this experience of Christian life and not the other way around. So, in order to analyze the New Testament ecclesiology, in an effort of defining the being and the unity of the church, we have to start not from the ecclesiological notions, because New Testament does not offer a definition of the church, but from the living experience in Christ of the Christians of the apostolic century.