

The New Testament Church

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and gave Him as head over all things to the
church.”

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Uniqueness of the Church Christ Built

- *Before we look at the New Testament (1st century) church try to forget the religious confusing you see in the world today.*

Eph. 4:4-6

There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

- *What is the One Body he speaks of?*

Eph. 1:22-23

And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church, which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.

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And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.

Where: Jerusalem

Is. 2:3

Many people shall come and say, "Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; He will teach us His ways, and we shall walk in His paths." For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

Acts 2:5, 47

And there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men, from every nation under heaven. 47 ...praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.

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Head: Christ

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Two Concepts of the Church:

Universal

- ✓ Made up of every person who has obeyed the gospel from the first century
- ✓ Made up of all the saved right now
- ✓ Will include those in the future
- *Example:* Paul, Peter, and Christians today are all part of the Universal Church

Local

- ✓ Made up of Christians in a location that worship and serve the Lord

As we look at the passages ask yourself, is he referring to a local congregation or the universal church?

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Organization of the Church

Phil. 1:1

Paul and Timothy, bondservants of Jesus Christ, to all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi, with the bishops and deacons...

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Elders

Titus 1:5-7

For this reason I left you in Crete, that you should set in order the things that are lacking, and appoint elders in every city as I commanded you--if a man is blameless, the husband of one wife, having faithful children not accused of dissipation or insubordination. For a bishop must be blameless, as a steward of God, not self-willed, not quick-tempered, not given to wine, not violent, not greedy for money,...

1 Peter 5:1-3

The elders who are among you I exhort, I who am a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that will be revealed: Shepherd the flock of God which is among you, serving as overseers, not by compulsion but willingly, not for dishonest gain but eagerly; nor as being lords over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock;...

Organization of the Church

Elders

Acts 20:28

Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood.

1 Tim. 3:1-7

This is a faithful saying: If a man desires the position of a bishop, he desires a good work. A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, temperate, sober-minded, of good behavior, hospitable, able to teach; not given to wine, not violent, not greedy for money, but gentle, not quarrelsome, not covetous; one who rules his own house well, having his children in submission with all reverence (for if a man does not know how to rule his own house, how will he take care of the church of God?); not a novice, lest being puffed up with pride he fall into the same condemnation as the devil. Moreover he must have a good testimony among those who are outside, lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil.

Organization of the Church

Deacons

Acts 6:1-6

Now in those days, when the number of the disciples was multiplying, there arose a murmuring against the Hebrews by the Hellenists, because their widows were neglected in the daily distribution. Then the twelve summoned the multitude of the disciples and said, "It is not desirable that we should leave the word of God and serve tables. Therefore, brethren, seek out from among you seven men of good reputation, full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business; but we will give ourselves continually to prayer and to the ministry of the word." And the saying pleased the whole multitude. And they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit, and Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolas, a proselyte from Antioch, whom they set before the apostles; and when they had prayed, they laid hands on them.

Organization of the Church

Deacons

1 Tim. 3:8-13

Likewise deacons must be reverent, not double-tongued, not given to much wine, not greedy for money, holding the mystery of the faith with a pure conscience. But let these also first be tested; then let them serve as deacons, being found blameless. Likewise their wives must be reverent, not slanderers, temperate, faithful in all things. Let deacons be the husbands of one wife, ruling their children and their own houses well. For those who have served well as deacons obtain for themselves a good standing and great boldness in the faith which is in Christ Jesus.

Organization of the Church

Members

Acts 2:41-3:1

Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them. And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers. Then fear came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles. Now all who believed were together, and had all things in common, and sold their possessions and goods, and divided them among all, as anyone had need. So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.

Organization of the Church

Members

Col. 1:13

He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love,...

1 Cor. 1:2

To the church of God which is at Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, with all who in every place call on the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both theirs and ours:...

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Eph. 3:14-15

For this reason I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named,...

Name

Church of God

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Body of Christ

Col. 1:18

And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence.

Eph. 1:22-23

And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church, which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.

Name

Church of Christ

Mat. 16:18

And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.

Rom. 16:16

Greet one another with a holy kiss. The churches of Christ greet you.

Name

Bride of Christ

Rom. 7:4

Therefore, my brethren, you also have become dead to the law through the body (bride KJV) of Christ, that you may be married to another-- to Him who was raised from the dead, that we should bear fruit to God...

Rev. 21:9

Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls filled with the seven last plagues came to me and talked with me, saying, "Come, I will show you the bride, the Lamb's wife."

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Disciples

John 15:8

By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.

Acts 11:26

And when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. So it was that for a whole year they assembled with the church and taught a great many people. And the disciples were first called Christians in Antioch.

Name

Saints

Rom. 1:7

To all who are in Rome, beloved of God, called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Cor. 1:2

To the church of God which is at Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, with all who in every place call on the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both theirs and ours:...

Phil. 1:1

Paul and Timothy, bondservants of Jesus Christ, to all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi, with the bishops and deacons:...

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Brethren

Luke 8:21

But He answered and said to them, "My mother and My brothers are these who hear the word of God and do it."

Gal. 6:1

Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted.

Name

Children

Gal. 3:26

For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus...

1 John 2:1

My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.

Name

Christians

Acts 11:26

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Acts 26:28

Then Agrippa said to Paul, "You almost persuade me to become a Christian."

1 Peter 4:16

Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in this matter.

Name

- The name “Christian” is overused, abused and misused today.
- In the Bible it is only used 3 times (each case it is a noun)
 - ✓ A noun is a person, place or thing
 - ✓ In the bible it is never a place or thing.

Example:

- There is no such thing as a “Christian” Nation, “Christian” school
 - ❖ A school cannot believe, repent, confess and be baptized

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Mat. 16:16-18

Simon Peter answered and said, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus answered and said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in heaven. And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it

Mat. 10:32-33

"Therefore whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. But whoever denies Me before men, him I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven.

Acts 8:37

Then Philip said, "If you believe with all your heart, you may." And he answered and said, "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God."

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Rule of Faith & Practice: Word of God

Mat. 28:18-20

And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen.

2 Tim. 3:16-17

All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

Rule of Faith & Practice: Word of God

2 Peter 1:3

...as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue,...

James 1:21

Therefore lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness, and receive with meekness the implanted word, *which is able to save your souls.*

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Worship

Sing

Col. 3:16

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

Eph. 5:19

...speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody **in your heart** to the Lord,

Worship

Sing

1 Cor. 14:15

What is the conclusion then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will also pray with the understanding. I will sing with the spirit, and I will also sing with the understanding.

Heb. 2:12

...saying: "I will declare Your name to My brethren; in the midst of the assembly I will sing praise to You."

Worship

What Did God Mean By: Sing

? Does that exclude using an organ / piano / etc. ?

Example:

Gen 6:13

And God said to Noah, "Make yourself an ark of gopherwood;...

There are hundreds of types of wood. Pine; Oak; Walnut; Cedar; ect...

➤ A **GENERAL COMMAND** would be to, "Build an ark of wood"

✓ Noah could obey by using any type wood

➤ This was a **SPECIFIC COMMAND**.

✓ God did not have to say, "don't use oak, pine, etc..."

Worship

- What if Noah said, “Okay, I’ll build the hull out of gopherwood, but I’m going to make my area out of walnut because it looks nicer to me? Would that have been obedience?

Did Noah have the right to substitute his opinions and preference for God’s?

Two kinds of music: 1. Vocal & 2. Instrumental

- If God had said make music in worship to me
 - ✓ We would have been free to use vocal, instrumental or both
 - ✓ Is that what he commanded?

Every place in the New Testament where God commands music in worship to Him, He says SING!

Worship

Pray

1 Thess. 5:17

...pray without ceasing,...

Teach

Acts 5:42

And daily in the temple, and in every house, they did not cease teaching and preaching Jesus as the Christ.

Heb. 5:12

For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the first principles of the oracles of God; and you have come to need milk and not solid food.

Worship

Communion

Acts 20:7

Now on the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul, ready to depart the next day, spoke to them and continued his message until midnight.

1 Cor. 11:23-24

For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you: that the Lord Jesus on the same night in which He was betrayed took bread;...

Contribution

1 Cor. 16:1-2

Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I have given orders to the churches of Galatia, so you must do also: on the first day of the week let each one of you lay something aside, storing up as he may prosper, that there be no collections when I come...

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Mission

Take the Message that Saves Souls

Mat. 5:13-16

"You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men. You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lamp stand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

John 15:8, 16

By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples. 16 You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you.

Mission

Take the Message that Saves Souls

1 Tim. 4:16

Take heed to yourself and to the doctrine. Continue in them, for in doing this you will save both yourself and those who hear you.

2 Tim. 2:2

And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.

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Mission

What is the Mission of the Church?

- ✓ Take the message that saves souls
- ✓ Edifying the Saints (build each other up)
- ✓ Limited benevolence.

What is NOT the Mission of the Church?

- ✓ Not a country club
- ✓ Not a social organization
- ✓ Not a bank
- ✓ Not a day care center
- ✓ Not a political action group
- ✓ Not a recreational facility

- These are all inventions of Man. There is absolutely nothing wrong with them, but they are not the church that Christ built.

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Mat. 15:9

And in vain they worship Me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.'

Mat. 15:13

But He answered and said, "Every plant which My heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted.

Gal. 1:6-8

I marvel that you are turning away so soon from Him who called you in the grace of Christ, to a different gospel, which is not another; but there are some who trouble you and want to pervert the gospel of Christ. But even if we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel to you than what we have preached to you, let him be accursed...

Warning

2 John 8-9

Whoever transgresses and does not abide in the doctrine of Christ does not have God. He who abides in the doctrine of Christ has both the Father and the Son.

Rev. 22:18-19

For I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: If anyone adds to these things, God will add to him the plagues that are written in this book; and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part from the Book of Life, from the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.

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- Sometimes people may have been baptized in a denomination

Example:

Baptism in the Baptist Church is not for “remission of sin” even though it is immersion. What if a person has been immersed (not an infant) but for the wrong reason?

The Bible answers that question:

Acts 19:1-6

And finding some disciples he said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" So they said to him, "We have not so much as heard whether there is a Holy Spirit." And he said to them, "Into what then were you baptized?" So they said, "Into John's baptism." Then Paul said, "John indeed baptized with a baptism of repentance, saying to the people that they should believe on Him who would come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus." When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.

-Questions-

- ? Is there anything we have studied that you do not believe?**
- ? Is there anything we have studied that you do not understand?**
- ? Is there some reason you cannot / will not be baptized right now?**