
The New Testament Church

(Part 7)

Matthew 16:13-18

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- **Founded upon Jesus Christ, the Son of God.** Matthew 16:18; 1 Corinthians 3:11; 1 Corinthians. 2:2
- **Began in Jerusalem about 33 A.D.** Isaiah 2:3; Matthew 3:2; Matthew 4:17; Mark 1:14-15; Luke 10:9; Matthew 10:7; Mark 9:1; Luke 24:44ff; Acts 1:6-8; 2:1-4,47; 11:15
- **Christ is its head and only source of authority.** Matthew 28:19; Ephesians 1:22-23; Matthew 21:23-27; Matthew 7:21; Luke 6:46

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- **Organized after the divine pattern.**
 - Philippians 1:1
 - Elders: Acts 14:23; 20:28; 1 Peter 5:1ff; 1 Timothy 3:1-7; Titus 1:5-7
 - Deacons: 1 Timothy 3:8-13
 - Members: 1 Corinthians 12:12ff
- Clearly "**elders**," "**overseers**," "**pastors**," and "**bishops**" in these passages are used interchangeably, referring to the same men in the same work. (cf. Acts 20:17, 28; 1 Peter 5:1-3; etc.).

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- **Has a divine mission.**
 - Evangelism. 1 Timothy 3:15; Acts 11:22; Philippians 1:3-5; 4:14-16; 2 Corinthians 11:8-9
 - Benevolence. Acts 2, 4, 6; Acts 11:27-30; 1 Corinthians 16:1-3; 2 Corinthians 8:1-5; 9:1-2; Romans 15:25ff
 - Edification. Ephesians 4:11-16

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- **No creed but the Bible.**
 - Gospel – God's power to save. Romans 1:16
- **Complete will of God.** 2 Peter 1:3
 - Promised. John 14:26; 15:26; 16:13
 - Inspired. 2 Timothy 3:16-17
 - Spirit revealed. Ephesians 3:6; 1 Corinthians 2:6-16; 1 Peter 1:12
 - May not add to or change. Galatians 1:6-9; 2 John 9
 - Understandable. Ephesians 3:3-4
 - Once for all delivered. Jude 3

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- **Scriptural in name.**
 - "The church of God" 1 Corinthians 1:2; 1 Timothy 3:15
 - "The body of Christ" Ephesians 1:22-23
 - "Bride of Christ" Romans 7:4; Revelation 21:9
 - "Church of the firstborn" Hebrews 12:23
 - "House of God" 1 Timothy 3:15
 - "Churches of Christ" Romans 16:16

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- **Members called by Scriptural names:**
 - Disciples. John 15:8; Acts 11:26
 - Saints. Romans 1:7; 1 Corinthians 1:2; Philippians 1:1
 - Brethren. Luke 8:21; Galatians 6:1
 - Children. Galatians 3:26; 1 John 2:1
 - Christians. Isaiah 62:2; Acts 11:26; 26:28; 1 Peter 4:16
- **Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Were you baptized in the name of Paul? 1 Corinthians 1:12-13**

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- **Worships according to the Scriptures:**
 - Singing. Matthew 26:30; Acts 16:25; Romans 15:9; 1 Corinthians 14:15; Ephesians 5:19; Colossians 3:16; Hebrews 2:12; 13:15; James 5:13
 - Praying. Acts 2:42; Acts 12:5, 12; 1 Thessalonians 5:17
 - Teaching. Acts 5:42; 1 Timothy 3:15
 - Lord's Supper. Acts 20:7; 1 Corinthians 11:23ff
 - Giving. 1 Corinthians 16:1-2; 2 Corinthians 9:6-7

The New Testament Church/ Body Of Saved People

- **Requirements for membership.**
 - Faith. Romans 10:14; John 8:24; Hebrews 11:6
 - Repentance. Luke 13:3; Acts 17:30-31
 - Confession. Matthew 10:32-33; Acts 8:36-38
 - Baptism.
 - **What?** – John 3:23; Acts 8; Matthew 3; Romans 6:3-4; Colossians 2:12
 - **Who?** – Matthew 28:19; Mark 16:15-16; Acts 2:38; Acts 8:12
 - **Why?** – **"For Remission of Sins"**
Acts 2:38; Mark 16:15-16; 1 Corinthians 12:12-13

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"What Must I Do To Be Saved?"
(Acts 2:37; 22:3-10; 9:6; 16:30)