

## **Title: What is Your Church Like?**

**Text:** (1 Tim 3:15)

Has a divine purpose - a Reason! (Eph 4:11-14) –

The church is a Glorious thing. (Eph 5:27)

The Church is a Holy thing. (Eph 5:27)

**Established** – (1 Cor 12:28) – 1<sup>st</sup> the Apostles

Not on Peter – (Matt 16:18) “*Upon this Rock*”

(Ps 89:29) “*God is the rock of my salvation*”

(I Sam 2:2) “*Not any rock like our God*”

(1 Cor 3:11) Christ is the foundation - *Founded upon*

**When was it Established?** (Lk 6:11-16)(Mark 3:13-14)

With whom did he spend 3 years teaching – the 12

With whom did he establish the Lord’s Supper – the 11

With whom did he give the Commission to – the 11

**The church was known by its location such as in ...**

(1 Cor 1:2) “*Unto the church of God which is at Corinth,*”;

(2 Cor 1:1) “*.....the church of God which is at Corinth,*”;

(Col 4:16) “*the church of the Laodiceans; .....*”;

(1 Thess 1:1) “*the church of the Thessalonians* ”;

(2 Thess 1:1) “*the church of the Thessalonians* ”

**The Local, visible, Called Out Assembly of Baptized Believers Who have covenanted together to carry out the Great Commission.**

**How do I become a part of this thing?**

1. **Have to be Saved:** (Acts 8:36-37)(2 Cor 13:5)*an.*

2. **Have to be Baptized:** (Acts 2:41) Adds us to it.

a. **Proper Method:** Immersion in Water (Acts 8:38)

Pictures a burial in water - (Rom 6:4-5)

b. **Proper Purpose:** (Matt 3:15) (1 Pet 3:21)

**3. By Proper Authority:**

A. A Church like Jesus Built: (Matt 16:18)

The Same Doctrine as the Apostles: (Acts 2:42; 19:3)

The Same Practice as the Apostles: (Acts 16:4)

Referencing (Acts 15:19-33)

**The Marks of the True New Testament Church**

1. The Bible is the only rule for faith and practice

2. The church has full Autonomy

3. The Priesthood of the believer

4. There are only 2 church ordinances,

- Baptism by immersion after salvation.

- The Lord’s Supper

5. Individual Soul Liberty:

6. Separation of church and state

7. Two offices in the church – Pastor and Deacon

8. Jesus Christ is the founder:

Jesus Walked 60 mi to the only man w/authority.

(John 1:6, 33) (Matt 3:13)(Matt 21:23-27)

If this is where He gets Glory – (Eph 3:21)

If this what Christ gave himself for it – (Eph 5:25)

If this is a glorious thing – (Eph 5:27)

If it is a Holy thing – (Eph 5:27)

**Jesus Created His church with a Purpose?**

Where we are to Bring him Glory (Eph 3:21) –

Bring Him Glory by Fulfilling His Purpose (Eph 4:11-16)

**(1 Tim 3:15) “Pillar and Ground of the Truth!”**

**(Jn 4:23-24) “Worship Him in Spirit and in Truth.”**

**(Matt 28:19-20) Fulfill “The Great Commission!”**

(2 Tim 2:2) *Every Christian is to be a multiplying Disciple!*

### **Why is Church so Important?**

**It’s a Command!** (Heb 10:25)

**It Bring Him Glory** – (Eph 3:21)

**We need it!** to encourage us! (Heb 10:24)

(Prov 27:17) *Iron Sharpeneth Iron*

(2 Tim 2:2) To teach us!

(1 Tim 5:20) To correct us!

(Rom 10:17) Our Faith Grows!

(1 Cor 1:21) People get saved!

### **The Apostles Practiced Like this:**

(Acts 2:42)

### **How Do We Go To Church?**

#### **Start off Right! Start Saturday Night!**

**Set out your Clothes** (Ex 19:10)

**Plan Lunch** – (1 Cor 10:31)

**Take Baths** – 18x Israel commanded to bathe.

**Devotions** – Get up early and seek the Lord: (PS 57:8)

### **Show up Right!** (Jn 20:24-25)

### **Come Hungry for God** (Ps 63:1-2)

### **Arrive Early:** (Prov 8:17)

Jesus Showed up early (Jn 8:1-2)

The Apostles showed up early (Acts 5:19-21)

### **Behave Right! (I Tim 3:15)**

**Smile** – (Prov 27:17) *Iron Sharpeneth Iron*

**Be Friendly** –(Prov 18:24) *Warm, Wanted, & Welcome*

**Shake Hands** – (Gal 2:9)

**Park in the Back - Sit Down Front**

**Tithe** – (Mal 3:10; 1 Cor 16:2) *Sign of Worship.*

**Sing Out -**

(Ps 9:11)(Ps 30:4)(Ps 47:6)(Ps 59:16-17)(Ps 81:1)

(Ps 81:2-3) commands us to use Instruments

(Heb 2:12) *in the midst of the church will I sing praise*

***Singing Prepares the Heart for the Message!***

**Say Amen** – Interact with the Preacher!

(Ps 106:48) *let all the people say, Amen.*

(Ps 107:2) *Let the redeemed of the LORD say so*

### **Finish Right!** (1 Pet 5:6-7) **the Holy Ghost.**

### **Leave Right!** **planning to return at the next service.**

(Heb 10:24-25)

**Join IT** – (Acts 9:26)

**Love IT** - You Pray for the people you love

**Support IT** - (Mal 3:10) Tithe (1 Cor 16:1-2) Offerings

**Work to Fulfill it’s Purpose -**

**Each Church his to be a Multiplying Church:**(Acts 1:8)

(Acts 2:47) Church at Jerusalem

(Acts 8:1, 5-8) FBCJ Births Churches in Judea & Samaria.

(Acts 11:19-26\*) FBCJ Births Antioch

(Acts 13:1-3) FBC Antioch Sends out Barnabas & Saul

(vs 9) *“who also is called Paul”*

*Today We are Sending out Pastor Pedro & Miss Trina Morales to the City of Baltimore.*