

Church Name

My (Christ) church	<u>Matt</u> <u>16:18</u>	And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.
Church of God	<u>I Cor</u> <u>1:2</u>	001:002 Unto the church of God which is at Corinth, to them that are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, with all that in every place call upon the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both their's and our's:
Church of Christ	<u>Rom</u> <u>16:16</u>	016:016 Salute one another with an holy kiss. The churches of Christ salute you.
Church of The Lord	<u>Acts</u> <u>20:28</u>	020:028 Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.
Body	<u>Col</u> <u>1:18</u>	001:018 And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence.
Kingdom	<u>Heb</u> <u>12:28</u>	012:028 Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear:
God's Building	<u>I Cor</u> <u>3:9</u>	003:009 For we are labourers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building.
The Flock	<u>I Peter</u> <u>5:3</u>	005:003 Neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being ensamples to the flock.
	<u>Col</u> <u>3:17</u>	003:017 And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.
	<u>1 Cor</u> <u>3:3-6</u>	003:001 And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, even as unto babes in Christ. 003:002 I have fed you with milk, and not with meat: for hitherto ye were not able to bear it, neither yet now are ye able. 003:003 For ye are yet carnal: for whereas there is among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as men? 003:004 For while one saith, I am of Paul; and another, I am of Apollos; are ye not carnal? 003:005 Who then is Paul, and who is Apollos, but ministers by whom ye believed, even as the Lord gave to every man? 003:006 I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase.
	<u>John</u> <u>17:11</u>	017:011 And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee. Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we are.
	<u>Eph</u> <u>4:4</u>	004:004 There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling;

	<u>1 Cor</u> <u>1:10</u>	001:010 Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.
	<u>Eph</u> <u>1:22-23</u>	001:022 And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, 001:023 Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all.

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Faith

THE CHRISTIAN LIFE IS A LIFE OF FAITH AND TRUST

The Christian Is:		
Justified by faith	<u>Rom.</u> <u>5:1-2</u>	005:001 Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: 005:002 By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.
Walks by faith	<u>Heb.</u> <u>10:37-39</u>	010:037 For yet a little while, and he that shall come will come, and will not tarry. 010:038 Now the just shall live by faith: but if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him. 010:039 But we are not of them who draw back unto perdition; but of them that believe to the saving of the soul.
Is guarded through faith	<u>I Pet. 1:5</u>	001:005 Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.
Receives, as the end of his faith, the salvation of his soul	<u>1 Pet 1:9</u>	001:009 Receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls.
Loved dearly by God	<u>John</u> <u>3:16</u>	003:016 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.
Is rewarded	<u>Heb 11:6</u>	011:006 But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

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Repent

JESUS EXPECTS A COMPLETE CHANGE OF HEART

He Goes back to the motive		
"Kill-angry"	<u>(Matt. 5:21-26)</u>	<p>005:021 Ye have heard that it was said of them of old time, Thou shalt not kill; and whosoever shall kill shall be in danger of the judgment:</p> <p>005:022 But I say unto you, That whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment: and whosoever shall say to his brother, Raca, shall be in danger of the council: but whosoever shall say, Thou fool, shall be in danger of hell fire.</p> <p>005:023 Therefore if thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath ought against thee;</p> <p>005:024 Leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift.</p> <p>005:025 Agree with thine adversary quickly, whiles thou art in the way with him; lest at any time the adversary deliver thee to the judge, and the judge deliver thee to the officer, and thou be cast into prison.</p> <p>005:026 Verily I say unto thee, Thou shalt by no means come out thence, till thou hast paid the uttermost farthing.</p>
"Adultery-lust"	<u>(Matt. 5:27-30)</u>	<p>005:027 Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not commit adultery:</p> <p>005:028 But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart.</p> <p>005:029 And if thy right eye offend thee, pluck it out, and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell.</p> <p>005:030 And if thy right hand offend thee, cut it off, and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell.</p>
"Forswear-swear not at all"	<u>(Matt. 5:33)</u>	<p>005:033 Again, ye have heard that it hath been said by them of old time, Thou shalt not forswear thyself, but shalt perform unto the Lord thine oaths:</p>
"Eye ... tooth-.other cheek"	<u>(Matt. 5:38-42)</u>	<p>005:038 Ye have heard that it hath been said, An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth:</p> <p>005:039 But I say unto you, That ye resist not evil: but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also.</p> <p>005:040 And if any man will sue thee at the law, and take away thy coat, let him</p>

		<p>have thy cloak also.</p> <p>005:041 And whosoever shall compel thee to go a mile, go with him twain.</p> <p>005:042 Give to him that asketh thee, and from him that would borrow of thee turn not thou away.</p>
" Love ... hate-love your enemies	<u>(Matt. 5:43-48)</u>	<p>005:043 Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy.</p> <p>005:044 But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;</p> <p>005:045 That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust.</p> <p>005:046 For if ye love them which love you, what reward have ye? do not even the publicans the same?</p> <p>005:047 And if ye salute your brethren only, what do ye more than others? do not even the publicans so?</p> <p>005:048 Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.</p>
Doers-not hearers only	<u>(Matt. 7:21-27)</u>	<p>007:021 Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.</p> <p>007:022 Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works?</p> <p>007:023 And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.</p> <p>007:024 Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock:</p> <p>007:025 And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock.</p> <p>007:026 And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand:</p> <p>007:027 And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it.</p>

Confession

All must publicly confess Jesus as Lord

<u>Matt</u> <u>10:32-33</u>	<p>010:032 And they were in the way going up to Jerusalem; and Jesus went before them: and they were amazed; and as they followed, they were afraid. And he took again the twelve, and began to tell them what things should happen unto him,</p> <p>010:033 Saying, Behold, we go up to Jerusalem; and the Son of man shall be delivered unto the chief priests, and unto the scribes; and they shall condemn him to death, and shall deliver him to the Gentiles:</p>
<u>Matt</u> <u>16:15-17</u>	<p>016:016 He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.</p> <p>016:017 And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues;</p>
<u>Rom</u> <u>10:9-10</u>	<p>010:009 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.</p> <p>010:010 For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.</p>
<u>Acts</u> <u>8:37</u>	<p>008:037 And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.</p>
<u>I Tim.</u> <u>6:12</u>	<p>006:012 Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses.</p>

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BAPTISM

Acts 2:38	Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission. of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.
Mark 16:16	He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.
Acts 22:16	His sins will be WASHED AWAY. "And now why tarriest thou? Arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord.
Matt 28:19	028:019 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:
Mark 16:15-16	016:015 And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. 016:016 He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.
Eph 4:5	004:005 One Lord, one faith, one baptism,
Acts 2:37-47	002:037 Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do? 002:038 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. 002:039 For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the LORD our God shall call. 002:040 And with many other words did he testify and exhort, saying, Save yourselves from this untoward generation. 002:041 Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls. 002:042 And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers. 002:043 And fear came upon every soul: and many wonders and signs were done by the apostles. 002:044 And all that believed were together, and had all things common; 002:045 And sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all men, as every man had need. 002:046 And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart, 002:047 Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.
Acts 8:35-39	008:035 Then Philip opened his mouth, and began at the same scripture, and preached unto him Jesus. 008:036 And as they went on their way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, See,

	<p>here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized?</p> <p>008:037 And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.</p> <p>008:038 And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him.</p> <p>008:039 And when they were come up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught away Philip, that the eunuch saw him no more: and he went on his way rejoicing.</p>
Mark 16:16	016:016 He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.
Rom 6:3-4	<p>006:003 Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death?</p> <p>006:004 Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.</p>
Gal 3:27	003:027 For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.
1 Cor 12:13	012:013 For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.

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Holy Ghost

<p>Christ Talking to his apostles prior to his death on the cross.</p> <p>John 16: 12-15</p>	<p>016:012 I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now.</p> <p>016:013 Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.</p> <p>016:014 He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you.</p> <p>016:015 All things that the Father hath are mine: therefore said I, that he shall take of mine, and shall shew it unto you.</p>
<p>Christ talking to the apostles after he arose and before he went into heaven.</p> <p>Acts 1: 6-9</p>	<p>001:006 When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel?</p> <p>001:007 And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power.</p> <p>001:008 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.</p> <p>001:009 And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight.</p>
<p>This the time when the apostles received the Gift of the Holy Ghost that Jesus had promised them.</p> <p>This gift was different than the one we receive after we are baptised. This allowed them to KNOW Jesus' Words to say and to do miracles.</p> <p>Acts 2:1-4</p>	<p>002:001 And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.</p> <p>002:002 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.</p> <p>002:003 And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.</p> <p>002:004 And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.</p>

Elders

ELDERS--TO EXPEDITE CHRIST'S WORK, TO OVERSEE, TO SHEPHERD, TO PASTOR

(Proof Scriptures)

Number of elders		
Plurality	<u>Acts 14:23,</u>	014:023 And when they had ordained them elders in every church, and had prayed with fasting, they commended them to the Lord, on whom they believed.
	<u>Acts 15:2, 4, 6</u>	<p>015:002 When therefore Paul and Barnabas had no small dissension and disputation with them, they determined that Paul and Barnabas, and certain other of them,</p> <p>015:004 And when they were come to Jerusalem, they were received of the church, and of the apostles and elders, and they declared all things that God had done with them.</p> <p>015:006 And the apostles and elders came together for to consider of this matter.</p>
	<u>Titus 1:5</u>	001:005 For this cause left I thee in Crete, that thou shouldest set in order the things that are wanting, and ordain elders in every city, as I had appointed thee:
Each congregation governs self	<u>1 Cor. 4:17</u>	004:017 For this cause have I sent unto you Timotheus, who is my beloved son, and faithful in the Lord, who shall bring you into remembrance of my ways which be in Christ, as I teach every where in every church.
Elders' outreach-their flock	<u>Acts 20:17</u>	020:017 And from Miletus he sent to Ephesus, and called the elders of the church.
	<u>Acts 20:28).</u>	020:028 Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.
Their Work		
Watchman	<u>Heb. 13:17</u>	013:017 Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you.
Mature the congregation	<u>Eph. 4:11-16</u>	<p>004:011 And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;</p> <p>004:012 For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:</p> <p>004:013 Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:</p>

		<p>004:014 That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;</p> <p>004:015 But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ:</p> <p>004:016 From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.</p>
Discipline the congregation	<u>1 Thess. 5:12-15</u>	<p>005:012 And we beseech you, brethren, to know them which labour among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you;</p> <p>005:013 And to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. And be at peace among yourselves.</p> <p>005:014 Now we exhort you, brethren, warn them that are unruly, comfort the feebleminded, support the weak, be patient toward all men.</p> <p>005:015 See that none render evil for evil unto any man; but ever follow that which is good, both among yourselves, and to all men.</p>
Shepherd	<u>1 Pet.5:1-3;</u>	<p>005:001 The elders which are among you I exhort, who am also an elder, and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that shall be revealed:</p> <p>005:002 Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind;</p> <p>005:003 Neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being ensamples to the flock.</p>
	<u>Acts 20:28</u>	<p>020:028 Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.</p>
Pray for the sick	<u>James 5:13-18</u>	<p>005:013 Is any among you afflicted? let him pray. Is any merry? let him sing psalms.</p> <p>005:014 Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord:</p> <p>005:015 And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him.</p> <p>005:016 Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.</p> <p>005:017 Elias was a man subject to like passions as we are, and he prayed earnestly that it might not rain: and it rained not on the earth by the space of</p>

		<p>three years and six months.</p> <p>005:018 And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth brought forth her fruit.</p>
Our responsibility to them is to esteem them highly in love	<u>1 Thess.5:12-13</u>	<p>005:012 And we beseech you, brethren, to know them which labour among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you;</p> <p>005:013 And to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. And be at peace among yourselves.</p>
and to be subject to them	<u>Heb. 13-17</u>	<p>013:017 Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you.</p>
Qualification	<u>1Tim 3:1-7</u>	<p>003:001 This is a true saying, If a man desire the office of a bishop, he desireth a good work.</p> <p>003:002 A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, given to hospitality, apt to teach;</p> <p>003:003 Not given to wine, no striker, not greedy of filthy lucre; but patient, not a brawler, not covetous;</p> <p>003:004 One that ruleth well his own house, having his children in subjection with all gravity;</p> <p>003:005 (For if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God?)</p> <p>003:006 Not a novice, lest being lifted up with pride he fall into the condemnation of the devil.</p> <p>003:007 Moreover he must have a good report of them which are without; lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil.</p>
	<u>Titus 1: 5-9</u>	<p>001:005 Now the end of the commandment is charity out of a pure heart, and of a good conscience, and of faith unfeigned:</p> <p>001:006 From which some having swerved have turned aside unto vain jangling;</p> <p>001:007 Desiring to be teachers of the law; understanding neither what they say, nor whereof they affirm.</p> <p>001:008 But we know that the law is good, if a man use it lawfully;</p> <p>001:009 Knowing this, that the law is not made for a righteous man, but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and for sinners, for unholy and profane, for murderers of fathers and murderers of mothers, for manslayers,</p>

Deacons

DEACONS--SERVANTS OF THE CONGREGATION

Appointed to take care of some business to be accomplished	<u>Acts6:3</u>	006:003 Wherefore, brethren, look ye out among you seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business.
Qualifications were set forth	<u>Acts6:3</u>	006:003 Wherefore, brethren, look ye out among you seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business.
	<u>1Tim3:8-13</u>	<p>003:008 Likewise must the deacons be grave, not doubletongued, not given to much wine, not greedy of filthy lucre;</p> <p>003:009 Holding the mystery of the faith in a pure conscience.</p> <p>003:010 And let these also first be proved; then let them use the office of a deacon, being found blameless.</p> <p>003:011 Even so must their wives be grave, not slanderers, sober, faithful in all things.</p> <p>003:012 Let the deacons be the husbands of one wife, ruling their children and their own houses well.</p> <p>003:013 For they that have used the office of a deacon well purchase to themselves a good degree, and great boldness in the faith which is in Christ Jesus.</p>
Appointed to task	<u>Acts6:5-6</u>	<p>006:005 And the saying pleased the whole multitude: and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Ghost, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolas a proselyte of Antioch:</p> <p>006:006 Whom they set before the apostles: and when they had prayed, they laid their hands on them.</p>

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Minister

PREACHER - EVANGELIST, MINISTER

EVANGELISTES-bringer of good tidings	<u>1 Tim. 2:7</u>	002:007 Whereunto I am ordained a preacher, and an apostle, (I speak the truth in Christ, and lie not;) a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and verity.
The preacher's work. Evangelize-win souls-be a personal worker		
Edify the local church	<u>Eph. 4:11-16</u>	<p>004:011 And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;</p> <p>004:012 For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:</p> <p>004:013 Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:</p> <p>004:014 That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;</p> <p>004:015 But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ:</p> <p>004:016 From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.</p>
Defend the faith	<u>1 Tim. 1:3</u>	001:003 As I besought thee to abide still at Ephesus, when I went into Macedonia, that thou mightest charge some that they teach no other doctrine,
Train preachers and teachers	<u>2 Tim. 2:2</u>	002:002 And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.
Pray	<u>Acts 6:1-6</u>	<p>006:001 And in those days, when the number of the disciples was multiplied, there arose a murmuring of the Grecians against the Hebrews, because their widows were neglected in the daily ministration.</p> <p>006:002 Then the twelve called the multitude of the disciples unto them, and said, It is not reason that we should leave the word of God, and serve tables.</p> <p>006:003 Wherefore, brethren, look ye out among you seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business.</p>

		<p>006:004 But we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word.</p> <p>006:005 And the saying pleased the whole multitude: and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Ghost, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolas a proselyte of Antioch:</p> <p>006:006 Whom they set before the apostles: and when they had prayed, they laid their hands on them.</p>
<p>Preachers are not pastors unless they also serve as one of the elders of the local church.</p>		
<p>All christians should be a minister in some way.</p>		

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THE CHURCH (The Body)

The church is the body of Christ, having the same relation to Him that the bride has to her husband. It is God's family; He has sons and daughters. It is the kingdom of God. It is a body of people who have obeyed the gospel, thereby becoming Christians. Those who obey the truth, God adds to the church.

<u>Matt. 16:17-18</u>	016:017 And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven. 016:018 And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.
<u>Matt. 4:17</u>	004:017 From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.
<u>Eph 4:4</u>	004:004 There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling;

WHAT IS THE CHURCH?

The word "church"	Matt. 16:13-20	016:013 When Jesus came into the coasts of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, saying, Whom do men say that I the Son of man am? 016:014 And they said, Some say that thou art John the Baptist: some, Elias; and others, Jeremias, or one of the prophets. 016:015 He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am? 016:016 And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God. 016:017 And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven. 016:018 And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. 016:019 And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. 016:020 Then charged he his disciples that they should tell no man that he was Jesus the Christ.
Used by the Lord in referring to His body of Redeemed people	Matt. 16:18	016:018 And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.
The word "church" is used to designate those who belong to	1 Pet. 2:9	002:009 But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the

Christ-"called out" of darkness into light		praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light;
out of the world into Christ	Col. 1: 13	001:013 Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son:
It is used of the church in its entirety-all Christians everywhere	Matt. 16:18	016:018 And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.
	Eph. 5:25	005:025 Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;
and of the local congregation of Christians in a particular city	1 Cor. 1: 1-2	001:001 Paul called to be an apostle of Jesus Christ through the will of God, and Sosthenes our brother, 001:002 Unto the church of God which is at Corinth, to them that are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, with all that in every place call upon the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both their's and our's:
The church's relation to Christ is that of a bride to her husband.		
In illustrating the relation of the wife to her husband, Paul uses the relation of the church to Christ	Eph. 5:22, 23	005:022 Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord. 005:023 For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body.
The Church is a body of many members (the body of Christ) of which Christ is the head.		
To the Corinthians, Paul wrote, "now ye are the body of Christ, and severally members thereof"	1 Cor. 12:12-27	012:012 For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ. 012:013 For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit. 012:014 For the body is not one member, but many. 012:015 If the foot shall say, Because I am not the hand, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body? 012:016 And if the ear shall say, Because I am not the eye, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body? 012:017 If the whole body were an eye, where were the hearing? If the whole were hearing, where were the smelling? 012:018 But now hath God set the members every one of them

		<p>in the body, as it hath pleased him.</p> <p>012:019 And if they were all one member, where were the body?</p> <p>012:020 But now are they many members, yet but one body.</p> <p>012:021 And the eye cannot say unto the hand, I have no need of thee: nor again the head to the feet, I have no need of you.</p> <p>012:022 Nay, much more those members of the body, which seem to be more feeble, are necessary:</p> <p>012:023 And those members of the body, which we think to be less honourable, upon these we bestow more abundant honour; and our uncomely parts have more abundant comeliness.</p> <p>012:024 For our comely parts have no need: but God hath tempered the body together, having given more abundant honour to that part which lacked.</p> <p>012:025 That there should be no schism in the body; but that the members should have the same care one for another.</p> <p>012:026 And whether one member suffer, all the members suffer with it; or one member be honoured, all the members rejoice with it.</p> <p>012:027 Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular.</p>
As head over the body, Christ governs and presides	Col. 1: 18	001:018 And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence.
	Eph. 1:22-23	<p>001:022 And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church,</p> <p>001:023 Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all.</p>
The church is the family of God.		
Paul, writing to Timothy, referred to the church as "the house of God," "the church of the living God"	1 Tim. 3:15	003:015 But if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth.
To the Ephesians, Paul called them "fellow citizens with the saints, and of the household of God"	Eph. 2:19	002:019 Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God;
To equate "house," "household" and "family,"	Acts 16:15	016:015 And when she was baptized, and her household, she besought us, saying, If ye have judged me to be faithful to the

		Lord, come into my house, and abide there. And she constrained us.
	Acts 16:24	016:024 Who, having received such a charge, thrust them into the inner prison, and made their feet fast in the stocks.
Therefore, the church is God's family.Sons and daughters of God	2 Cor. 6:18	006:018 And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.

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