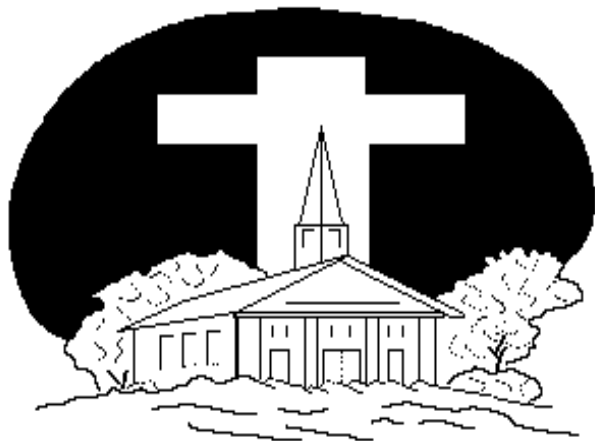


THE NEW TESTAMENT

CHURCH



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Founder is Christ	Matthew 16:18
Foundation is Christ	1 Corinthians 3:11
Head is Christ	Ephesians 5:23
Bible name of church	Acts 20:28
	Galatians 1:13
Membership offered to all	Revelation 22:17
God admits members	1 Corinthians 12:13-18
	Acts 2:47
Only the saved are members	John 15:1-6
	Exodus 32:33

Holy life (sinless) required of members

Titus 2:11-12; Hebrews 12:14

Mode of Entrance:

Christ is the Door	John 10:9
Personal salvation	Acts 3:19
New Birth	John 1:12-13; 3:3, 5

Repentance and faith towards God which brings about a spiritual birth constituting us a member of God's church. Psalm 87:5-6

SALVATION

BIBLE REQUIREMENTS:

- 1. Believe in Christ** Mark 16:16
"He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved. . . ."
"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved." Acts 16:30-31
- 2. Confess & Forsake Sin** 1 John 1:9
"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins" Isaiah 55:7 "Let the wicked forsake his way . . . and let him return unto the Lord."
- 3. Repent of Sins** Acts 17:30
"And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now **COMMANDETH ALL MEN EVERYWHERE TO REPENT.**" Luke 13:3 Repent or perish. Acts 2:38 No other way to have sins remitted.

When the Holy Ghost convicts the sinner he must confess his sins, forsake them, repent of them believing on the Lord Jesus Christ, and he shall be saved. This is the New Birth and admits him into God's church (1 Corinthians 12:13, 18; Acts 2:47).

BAPTISM OF HOLY GHOST FOR BELIEVERS

The Holy Ghost Promised:

"I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, . . . he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire" (Matthew 3:11; Acts 2:38; John 14:15-18).

The Holy Ghost Given:

"He said unto them, Have ye received the Holy Ghost SINCE YE BELIEVED?" Acts 19:2. (Verse 6) "And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them."

"Then laid they their hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost." Acts 8:17

Power accompanies Spirit-filled life.

"But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you" (Acts 1:8; read Acts 4:31).

Speaking in Unknown Tongues is not the evidence. Read Acts 2:1-13

(Verse 4) "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with *other tongues . . .*" (Verse 6) "every man heard them speak *in his own language.*" (Verse 11) "the wonderful works of God." (Verse 5) "devout men out of every nation under heaven," heard and understood their speech.

HOLY LIFE REQUIRED OF CHRISTIANS

"Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin." (1 John 3:9). "We know that whosoever is born of God sinneth not" (1 John 5:18).

"For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, TEACHING US that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, RIGHTEOUSLY, and GODLY, in this present world" (Titus 2:11-12). Read Ephesians 1:4

"Holiness becometh thine house, O Lord, for ever" (Psalm 93:5).

As Christians Peter said, "Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood" (1 Peter 2:5). Paul said, "The house of God, which is the church of the living God" (1 Timothy 3:15).

A holy life distinguishes the saints from the sinners, and saints are fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord (Ephesians 2:19-22).

"Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord" (Hebrews 12:14). Read Luke 1:74-75.

CHRISTIAN ORDINANCES

"Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you." Matthew 28:20

WATER BAPTISM FOR BELIEVERS

Mark 16:16 and Acts 2:38

Administered in water
Immersion

Mark 1:9
Matthew 3:16

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Paul taught it.

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Consists of bread and wine

Vs. 27, 34

Observe 'till Christ comes

Vs. 26

Symbolic of the body and blood of Jesus sacrificed for our salvation.

FEET WASHING

John 13:1-17

"If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet: ye also OUGHT to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example" (John 13:14-15).

(WAS NOT A JEWISH CUSTOM)

In the custom each washed his own feet (Genesis 18:4, 19:2). In the ordinance we are taught to wash one another's feet (John 13:14). An ordinance exemplifying submission to our brother. "Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God" (Ephesians 5:21).

JESUS PRAYED FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

Jesus Built but One Church:

"I will build MY CHURCH" (Matthew 16:18).

Bible Condemns Division Among Christians:

"Now I beseech you . . . that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you" (1 Corinthians 1:10).

Bible Calls Christians to the One Fold (Church): "That they all may be one as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe" (John 17:21). "Other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and "they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd" (John 10:16).

"Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate . . ." (2 Corinthians 6:17). "Come out of her [Babylon], my people" (Revelation 18:4). Read 2 Corinthians 6:14-18.

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