

Bible Questions and Bible Answers

WHAT IS THE BIBLE?

"...By what authority are you doing these things... (Matthew 21:23)?"

Can I Know About God Without The Bible?

"For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made..." (Romans 1:20).

Why Then Do I Need The Bible?

"...the holy Scriptures, which are **able to make you wise for salvation** through faith which is in Christ Jesus" (II Timothy 3:15).

How Useful Is The Bible?

"All Scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable ... for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work" (II Timothy 3:16-17).

Who Is The Author Of The Bible?

"God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds" (Hebrews 1:1,2).

How Did God Speak Through The Prophets?

"Knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation, for the prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit" (II Peter 1:20,21).

How Has God Spoken Through His Son?

"For He whom God has sent speaks the words of God, for God does not give the Spirit by measure" (John 3:34).

What Authority Does Christ Have?

"...All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth..." (Matthew 28:18).

Where Does Christ's Authority Apply?

"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" (Matthew 28:19).

How Far Does Christ's Authority Go?

". . .teaching them to obey all things that I have commanded you" (Matthew 28:20).

Does Christ's Authority Still Apply?

"...and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age" (Matthew 28:20).

What Did Christ Promise His Apostles?

"...the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all things that I have said to you" (John 14:26).

What Did The Christ's Apostles Do?

"And they [disciples] went out and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word through the accompanying signs. Amen" (Mark 16:20).

What Is The Purpose Of Christ's Message?

". . . and disobedience received a just reward, how shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation, which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed to us by those who heard Him" (Hebrews 2:2,3).

Are There Other Ways Of Salvation?

"Neither is there salvation **in any other**, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved" (Acts 4:12).

Should People Change The Bible Message?

"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" (Galatians 1:8).

What If One Doesn't Accept The Bible?

"He who rejects Me, and does not receive My words, has that which judges him--the word that I have spoken **will judge him** in the last day" (John 12:48).

How Can One Accept The Bible?

"... and when they **believed** Philip as he preached the things concerning the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, both men and women were baptized" (Acts 8:12).

WHAT IS THE CHURCH?

"Christ loved the church and gave Himself for her" (Ephesians 5:25).

Who Founded The Church?

"Upon this rock I (Jesus) will build My church" (Matthew 16:18).

How Important Is The Church?

"...the church of God, which **He bought with His own blood**" (Acts 20:28).

Who Is Its Head?

"Christ is the head of the church, His body..." (Ephesians 5:23).

What Is Its Membership?

"Go and make disciples of all nations..." (Matthew 28:20).

What Are These Disciples Called?

"...the disciples were first called Christians at Antioch" (Acts 11:26).

Can One Be A Christian Outside The Church?

"You are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it" (I Corinthians 12:27).

Where Is The Register Of Members Kept?

"... the church...whose names are written in heaven" (Hebrews 12:23).

Can There Be Non-Christian Members?

"...the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved" (Acts 2:47).

Does Anyone Have A Choice Of Churches?

"The Lord added to their number..." (Acts 2:47).

Where Are The Branches Of The Church?

"Where two or three come together in My name, there am I with them" (Matthew 18:20).

How Are These Branches Described?

"All of the churches of Christ send greetings to you" (Romans 16:16).

What Are The Conditions For Membership?

"Every one who hears these words of Mine and puts them into practice..." (Matthew 7:24).

What Are The Entry Terms For Membership?

"Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved" (Mark 16:16).

What Commitment Is Required?

"Any of you who does not give up everything he cannot be My disciple" (Luke 14:33).

What Are The Obligations Of Membership?

"Be faithful until death..." (Revelation 2:10).

What Are The Duties Of Membership?

"Worship the Father in spirit and in truth" (John 4:23, 24). "Love the Lord your God with all of your heart ... and love your neighbor as yourself" (Matthew 22:37-39).

"Be careful to engage in good deeds" (Titus 3:8)

What Are The Benefits Of Membership?

"...if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature..." (II Corinthians 5:17).

"You will find rest for your souls" (Matthew 11:28-30).

"They will reign for ever and ever" (Revelation 22:5).

WHO ARE WE?

"All the churches of Christ send greeting" (Romans 16:16).

Christians Are Followers Of Christ

"...the disciples were first called **Christians** in Antioch" (Acts 11:26).

"However, if you suffer as a Christian, do not be ashamed, but praise God that you bear that name" (I Peter 4:16).

Christ Began His Church

"Upon this rock I will build My church..." (Matthew 16:18).

Christ Is The Only Head

"...as Christ is the head of the church, His body, of which He is the Savior" (Ephesians 5:23).

"And He is the head of the body, the church.. ." (Colossians 1:18).

There Is Only One Church

"...you [Christians] are all one in Christ Jesus . . ." (Galatians 3:28).

"There is one body . . ." (Ephesians 4:4).

The Church Is Nondenominational

"...each one of you is saying, I am of Paul, and I of Cephas, and I of Christ. Has Christ been divided?" (I Corinthians 1:12, 13)

The Bible Is Our Only Guidebook

"God ... in these last days has spoken to us through His Son ..." (Hebrews 1:1,2).

"Anyone who goes on, and does not abide in the teaching which is from Christ, does not have God. . ." (II John 9).

"...so that you may learn from us the meaning of the saying, 'Do not go beyond what is written'" (I Corinthians 4:6).

Christians Are Forgiven All Past Sins

"He [Jesus] will save **His** people from their sins . . ." (Matthew 1:21). "Therefore, He is able to save completely those who come to God through Him..." (Hebrews 7:25).

Christians Are Reconciled To God

"...we [Christians] are reconciled to God through the death of His Son. . ." (Romans 5:10).

Christians Will Inherit Eternal Life

"...born again to a living hope ... an inheritance ... reserved in heaven for you" (I Peter 1:3-5).

The Way To Become A Christian

"Know for certain [believe] that God has made Him [Jesus] both Lord and Christ." (Acts 2:36).

"Repent [change you mind] . . ." (Acts 2:38).

"Be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. . ." (Acts 2:36-38).

WHAT IS SIN?

"He will save His people from their sins" (Matthew 1:21).

What Is Sin?

"Sin is lawlessness." (I John 3:4). "All unrighteousness is sin..." (I John 5:17).

Is Everyone A Sinner?

"...all have sinned and come short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23).

What Is The Result Of Sin?

"...the wages of sin is death . . ." (Romans 6:23).

"...death came to all men, because all sinned" (Romans 5:12).

"Your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God, and your sins have hid His face from you, so that He does not hear" (Isaiah 59:2).

How Do We Know About Sin?

"...the Scripture declares that the whole world is a prisoner of sin. . ." (Galatians 3:22).

". . . I would not have known what sin was except through the law" (Romans 7:7).

What Can We Do About Sin?

"...because the sinful mind is hostile to God, it does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so" (Romans 8:7).

What Has God Done?

"God demonstrates His own love for us in this: **while we were still sinners, Christ died for us**" (Romans 5:8).

"He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by His wounds you have been healed" (I Peter 2:24).

"Christ died for your sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God" (I Peter 3:18).

"God was reconciling the world to Himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them" (II Corinthians 5:19).

"This is love: not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins" (I John 4:12).

What Must We Do?

"Believe ... repent [turn around in our minds and toward God] . . and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins . . ." (Acts 2:36-38; see also Acts 10:43; Luke 24:47; Acts 22:16).

What Follows God's Forgiveness?

"There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death" (Romans 8:1,2).

WHAT IS GRACE?

"But we believe we are saved through the grace of the Lord Jesus" (Acts 15:11).

What Is Grace?

"...it is the gift of God" (Ephesians 2:8).

What Is The Gift Of God?

"...the gift of God is *eternal life* through Jesus Christ our Lord" (Romans 6:23).

Why Do I Need God's Gift?

"The person who sins will die." (Ezekiel 18:20).

"All have sinned and come short of the glory of God." (Romans 3:23).

"For the wages of sin is death..." (Romans 6:23).

Can I Buy This Gift Of God?

"May your silver perish with you, because you thought you could obtain the gift of God with money." (Acts 8:20).

"The free gift of God is eternal life." (Romans 6:23).

Then How Do I Obtain God's Gift?

"Ask and it shall be given you; seek and you shall find; knock and it shall be opened to you" (Matthew 7:7).

"Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling upon the name of the Lord" (Acts 22:16).

"Seek you first the kingdom of God and His righteousness..." (Matthew 6:33).

"Strive to enter in by the narrow door: for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter, and will not be able. When once the master of the house has risen up, and shuts the door, and you begin to stand outside, and to knock at the door, saying, Lord, open to us; then I will answer and say to you, 'I do not know where you are from'" (Luke 13:24, 25).

"The Lord preserves the faithful" (Psalm 31:23).

"Be **faithful** until death, and I will give you the crown of life" (Revelation 2:10).

WHAT IS FAITH?

"...blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed" (John 20:29).

What Is Faith?

"...faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen" (Hebrews 11:1).

What Should I Believe About God?

"...for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him" (Hebrews 11:6).

"By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God" (Hebrews 11:3).

Why Should I Believe In God?

"But without faith it is impossible to please Him [God]..." (Hebrews 11:6).

What Should I Believe About Christ?

"...but these are written that you may believe that **Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God...**" (John 20:31).

". . . believe that Jesus died and rose again. . ." (I Thessalonians 4:14).

"But we believe that through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ we shall be saved . . ." (Acts 15:11).

Why Should I Believe In Christ?

"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" (John 3:16).

What Happens When I Believe In Christ?

"...that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an **inheritance** among those who are sanctified by faith in Me" (Acts 26:18).

What Happens If I Do No Believe?

"He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned" (Mark 16:16).

What Can Help Me Believe?

"...faith comes by **hearing**, and hearing by the word of God." (Romans 10:17).

"...these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name" (John 20:31).

WHAT IS REPENTANCE?

"...unless you repent you will all likewise perish" (Luke 13:3).

What Is Repentance?

"...that they must turn to God in repentance..." (Acts 20:21).

"Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out..." (Acts 3:19).

"...that they should repent, and turn to God..... (Acts 26:20).

Is It Important To God?

"God ...now commands all men everywhere to repent" (Acts 17:30).

"...but is long suffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance" (II Peter 3:9).

Is It Important To Christ?

"Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer ... and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem" (Luke 24:46,47).

What Should Persuade Me To Repent?

"Or do you despise the riches of His goodness, forbearance, and long suffering, not knowing that the goodness of God leads you to repentance?" (Romans 2:4)

Is Repentance Merely Feeling Sorry?

"Now I rejoice not that you were made sorry, but that your sorrow led to repentance" (II Corinthians 7:9)

What Does Repentance Lead To?

"Godly sorrow produces **repentance** leading to **salvation**" (II Corinthians 7:10).

"Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out..." (Acts 3:19).

What Else Must I Do To Be Saved?

"...that they must turn to God in repentance and have faith in our Lord Jesus Christ" (Acts 20:21).

"So they said, 'Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved'" (Acts 16:31).

"...confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus ... and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation" (Romans 10:9, 10).

"...'Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven.. .' " (Acts 2:38).

"The like figure whereunto even baptism does also save us" (I Peter 3:21).

What Must I Do When I Am Saved?

"...that they should repent and turn to God, and do works meet for repentance." (Acts 26:20).

WHAT IS CONFESSION?

"That if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved" (Romans 10:9).

What is Confessing?

"Now Thomas...was not with them when Jesus came...And Thomas answered and said to Him, 'My Lord and my God'" [John 20:24-28].

Why Should We Confess Jesus As Lord?

"Men of Israel, listen to these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you with miracles and wonders and signs which God performed through Him in your midst, just as you yourselves know" (Acts 2:22).

"Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ" (Acts 2:36).

Is There A Biblical Example Of Someone Confessing Jesus?

"...'here is water. What hinders me from being baptized?' And 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'" (Acts 8:36,37).

What Causes People Not To Confess Jesus?

"...they feared the Jews, for the Jews had agreed already that if anyone confessed that He was Christ, he would be put out of the synagogue" (John 9:22).

"...and when they had called for the apostles and beaten them, they commanded that they should not speak in the name of Jesus..." (Acts 5:40).

"Professing to be wise, they became fools, and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man--and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things... who **exchanged the truth of God for the lie**, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen" (Romans 1:22-25).

What About Confessing Sin?

"He who covers his sins will not prosper, but whoever confesses and forsakes them will have mercy" (Proverbs 28:13).

"...Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins..." (Acts 2:38). The fact that one is baptized for the forgiveness of sins would demand that he would have already acknowledged or confessed his sins.

To Whom Should I Confess My Sins After I Become A Christian?

"...confess your sins to one another and pray for one another" (James 5:16).

"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins..." (I John 1:9).

What Happens If I Will Not Confess Jesus?

"But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven" (Matthew 10:33).

WHAT IS BAPTISM?

"...arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord" (Acts 22:16).

Did Christ Teach Baptism?

"...all power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you . . . (Matthew 28:18-20).

Did The Apostles Teach Baptism?

"Peter said unto them, 'Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins...'" (Acts 2:38).

What Is The Purpose Of Baptism?

"He who believes and is baptized will be saved;..." (Mark 16:16).

"...baptism now saves you..." (I Peter 3:21).

Is Baptism For Everyone?

"Repent, and be baptized every one of you..." (Acts 2:38).

Are There New Testament Examples Of Baptism?

"Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria, and preached Christ unto them ... they were baptized, both men and woman" (Acts 8:5,12. See also Acts 2:5-41; 8:26-39; 10:1-48; 16:1-33; 18:1-8; Romans 6:3, 4; Galatians 1:2; 3:27; Colossians 1:2; 2:12; 1 Peter 1:1; 3:21).

How Is Baptism Performed?

"...and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him. And when they were come up out of the water..." (Acts 8:38,39).

"...buried with him by baptism into death; that like as Christ was raised up from the dead ... so we should walk in newness of life" (Romans 6:4).

Can I Be Saved By Faith Without Baptism?

"You see then how that by works a man is justified, and not by faith only" (James 2:24). "...He [Christ] became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him" (Hebrews 5:9).

Why Do People Object To Baptism?

"Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven; but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven...everyone who hears these words of Mine, and does not act upon them, will be like a foolish man, who built his house upon the sand." (Matthew 7:21-27).

"...and He answered and said to them, 'And why do you yourselves transgress the commandment of God for the sake of your tradition' ... 'You hypocrites' ... 'But in vain do they worship Me, teaching as doctrines the precepts of men'" (Matthew 15:1-9).

"Nevertheless many even of the rulers believed in Him, but because of the Pharisees they were not confessing Him lest they should be put out of the synagogue; for they loved the approval of men rather than the approval of God" (John 12:42,43).

"But the Pharisees and lawyers rejected the will of God for themselves, not having been baptized by him [John]" Luke 7:30).

What Attitude Should We Have?

"These were more fair minded than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness, and searched the Scriptures daily to find out whether these things were so" (Acts 17:11).

"...and the eunuch said, 'See, here is water; what hinders me from being baptized?' Then Philip said, 'If you believe with all your heart you may'...went down into the water, and he baptized him" (Acts 8:36-38).

WHAT IS SAVLATION?

"...that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief"(I Timothy 1:15).

What Are We To Be Saved From?

"...and shall call His name Jesus,...for He will save His people from their sins" (Matthew 1:21).

How Is Salvation Made Available To Us?

"...our great God and Saviour Jesus Christ, who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself His own special people, zealous for good works" (Titus 2:13,14).

What Will Happen If One Is Not Saved?

"He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned" (Mark 16:16).

What Will Happen If One Is Saved?

"...through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time" (I Peter 1:3-5).

Are There Other Ways To Salvation?

"Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved" (Acts 4:12).

What Are Christ's Terms For Salvation?

"And having been perfected, He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him" (Hebrews 5:9).

"...yet believing, you rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory receiving the end of your faith the salvation of your souls" (I Peter 1:8,9).

"For godly sorrow produces repentance leading to salvation, not to be regretted; but the sorrow of the world produces death" (II Corinthians 7:10).

"...if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation" (Romans 10:9,10).

"The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ" (I Peter 3:21).

Are There New Testament Examples?

"Then Peter said to them, 'Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit'" (Acts 2:38).

"Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them" (Acts 2:41. See also Acts 8:12, 36-40; 10:34-48; 11:14; 16:14, 15, 25-34; 18:8; 19:1-7; 22:1-16).

WHAT MUST ONE DO TO BE SAVED?

Believe. "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" (Hebrews 11:6. See also John 3:16; 20:30, 31). When the Bible speaks of believers being saved, it means obedient believers and not disobedient ones (Acts 16:34; 2:44; Galatians 5:6). Faith **alone** will **not** save (James 2:24).

Repent. "Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish" (Luke 13:3; 24:46,47; Acts 17:30,31). To repent means to change one's mind and conduct (Matthew 21:28, 29).

Confess. "Whosoever therefore shall confess Me before men, him will I also confess before My Father who is in heaven, but whosoever shall deny Me before men, him will I also deny before My Father who is in heaven" (Matthew 10:32,33; Romans 10:9,10; Acts 8:37). One is not to confess that he is taking Jesus Christ as his personal Savior, or that God for Christ's sake has pardoned his sins, but that Jesus is the Christ the Son of God" (Acts 8:37).

Be **Baptized.** "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins" (Acts 2:38; 22:16; Mark 16:15,16; 1 Peter 3:21; Galatians 3:27).

"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" (Romans 6:4; 6:17; Colossians 2:12; Acts 8:37-39).

WHAT MUST ONE DO TO STAY SAVED?

Follow after the things of the Spirit. "There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit" (Romans 8:1; 8:13; Galatians 5:19, 23; 1 Corinthians 9:27).

Live a Godly Life. "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; Colossians 3:5,12; Revelation 21:8; 21:27).

Faithfully follow the teachings of Christ to the end of life. "And you will be hated by all for My name's sake. But he who endures to the end will be saved" (Matthew 10:22; Revelation 2: 10; I

Corinthians 10: 1,12). When one departs from the commands of Christ, it is worse than if he had never known them. (II Peter 2:20, 22; Hebrews 6:4,6; 10:26,29).

Add the Christian Graces and Bear Spiritual Fruit. "And besides this giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue and to virtue, knowledge; and to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; and to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity [love] ... for if you do these things you shall never fall" (II Peter 1; John 15:1-6).

Repent, confess and pray. When we sin we must repent of it, confess it, and pray to God that we may be forgiven. "Repent therefore of this thy wickedness, and pray God, if perhaps the thought of thine heart may be forgiven thee" (Acts 8:22; I John 1:8,10; James 5:16,19).

WHAT CHURCH MUST ONE JOIN?

None. Nowhere in the New Testament can you read of men joining a church. The New Testament church is the spiritual family of God, and men are **born** into it. (I Timothy 3:15; John 3:5).

The Lord adds the saved to His church. "Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls" (Acts 2:41).

"And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved" (Acts 2:47; 1 Corinthians 12:18). Thus, it is **impossible** to become a Christian or be saved and stay out of the Lord's Church.

The Lord Has But One Church

"I will build My Church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it" (Matthew 16:18). Nowhere in the New Testament can we read of any church except the Lord's (Ephesians 5:23,27).

The Church Is The Body Of Christ

"And hath put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be the head over all things to the church, which is His body, the fullness of Him that filleth all in all" (Ephesians 1:22,23; Colossians 1:18).

There Is But One Body

"There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling" (Ephesians 4:4; 1 Corinthians 12:12; 12:20). This one body is the Lord's one Church which is the one spiritual family of God into which all men are born when they become Christians. No one should ever have any desire to be a member of any other church.

Division is **condemned** in the Bible. (I Corinthians 1:10,13; John 17:20,21).

How Must One Worship As To Please God?

Regularly. "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching" (Hebrews 10:25; Acts 2:42). God is not pleased when we let weeks go by without worshipping him.

Giving Glory to God in the Church Through Christ. "Unto Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end" (Ephesians 3:21). All worship must be directed to God through Christ and in His name [by His authority] (Ephesians 2:18; Colossians 3:17).

In Spirit. "God is a Spirit; and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth" (John 4:24). To worship in spirit means to worship sincerely and earnestly. Our worship must be free from all hypocrisy and pretension (Matthew 6:1-6; 15:8).

In Truth. To worship in truth means to worship according to the teaching of God's word (John 17:17; John 4:24; Matthew 15:9).

God's Word Commands:

1. **Prayer:** I Timothy 2:8; Romans 12:12.
2. **Lord's Supper:** Acts 20:7; 1 Corinthians 11:23, 27.
3. **Bible Study:** II Timothy 2:15; Acts 2:42.
4. **Contribution:** I Corinthians 16:1, 2; II Corinthians 9:7
5. **Singing:** Ephesians 5:19; Colossians 3:16.