

**"THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH/CHURCH OF CHRIST..."**

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- 1) Strives to follow the pattern of the church founded by Christ and not be a denomination (Matthew 16:13-18)
- 2) Wears a Bible name (Christ) and avoids using man's name, which is sin (I Corinthians 1:10-17)
- 3) Has members who call themselves Christians and who are developing into followers of Christ (Acts 11:26)
- 4) Views the Bible as the inspired Word of God and sees no need for further revelation (II Timothy 3:16,17)
- 5) Believes in the Godhead - Father, Son and Holy Spirit (Matthew 28:18-20)
- 6) Pleas for the unity of believers (John 17:21)
- 7) Exalts Christ as the only head of the church (Ephesians 5:23)
- 8) Offers the same "plan of salvation" as found in the **Book of Acts**:
  - A) Believing in Christ..... 16:31
  - B) Repenting (turning away from) of sins..... 17:30
  - C) Confessing Christ audibly..... 8 :37
  - D) Being baptized (immersed in water)..... 2:38
  - E) Living faithfully..... 14:22
- 9) Worships via:
  - A) Singing..... Colossians 3:16
  - B) Praying..... Acts 2:42
  - C) Sharing..... II Corinthians 9:6,7
  - D) Communion..... Acts 20:7
  - E) Preaching..... Acts 28:31
  - F) Praising..... Hebrews 13:15
  - G) Teaching..... Titus 2:15
- 10) Governs itself and selects:  
Elders (pastors), Evangelists (ministers), Deacons (servants)  
and various committees to carry out needful tasks  
(I Timothy 3:1-13; II Timothy 4:1-5; Titus 1:5)

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