

**THINGS WE SHOULD KNOW  
ABOUT THE LORD'S CHURCH**

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*We should know that the Lord's Church was:*

- 1) Built by Jesus Christ  
Matt. 16:13-18
- 2) Purchased by the blood of Christ  
Acts 20:28
- 3) Built on Jesus Christ as the only foundation I Cor. 3:11
- 3) Not built on Peter, Paul or any other I Cor. 1:12-13
- 4) Composed of the saved, who are added to it by the Lord who saves them Acts 2:47
- 5) In Bible times, the church is called:
  - a) The Temple of God I Cor. 3:16
  - b) The Bride of Christ Rev. 22:17
  - c) The Body of Christ Eph. 1:22-23
  - d) The Kingdom of God's Son Col. 1:13
  - e) The House of God I Tim. 3:15
  - f) The Church of God I Cor. 1:2
  - g) The Church of the Firstborn Heb. 12:23
  - h) The Church of the Lord Acts 20:28
  - i) The Churches of Christ Rom. 16:16

*We should know that members of the church are called:*

- 1) Members of Christ Rom. 12:4-5
- 2) Disciples of Christ Acts 11:26
- 3) Believers I Thess. 1:7
- 4) Saints Acts 9:13; Rom. 1:7
- 5) Priests I Pet. 2:5,9; Rev. 1:6
- 6) Children of God Gal. 3:26-27
- 7) Christians Acts 11:26;

*We should know that the local church has Scripturally qualified:*

- 1) Elders (also called bishops and pastors) who oversee and tend the flock I Tim. 3:1-7; I Pet. 5:1-4

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- 2) Deacons, who serve the church I Tim. 3:8-13; Phil. 1:1
- 3) Evangelists (preachers, ministers) who teach and proclaim the Word of God, and help to oversee the congregation Eph. 4:11; I Tim. 4:13-16; 2 Tim. 4:1-5
- 4) Members, who love the Lord and each other Phil. 2:1-5
- 5) Autonomy, and is bound to other local churches only by the common faith shared Jude 3; Gal. 5:1

*We should know that the Lord Jesus Christ:*

- 1) Loved the church Eph. 5:25
- 2) Shed His blood for the church Acts 20:28
- 3) Established the church Matt. 16:18
- 4) Added saved people to the church Acts. 2:47
- 5) Is the head of the church Eph. 1:22-23; 5:23

*We should know that man did not:*

- 1) Plan the church Eph. 3:10-11
- 2) Purchase the church Acts 20:28
- 3) Name its members Isa. 56:5; 62:2; Acts 11:26; I Pet 4:16
- 4) Add people to the church Acts 2:47; I Cor. 12:18
- 5) Give the church its doctrine Gal. 1:8-11; II John. 9-11

The Book of Acts tells us to: 1) Believe in Jesus as Savior 16:31 2) Repent of our sins 17:30 3) Confess Christ audibly 8:37 4) Be baptized in water 2:38 5) Live a faithful Christian life 14:22 6) Become a part of a local congregation who believes, teaches, and lives the Bible 2:47

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