

Its scope includes all the world, Mark 16:15  
Its invitation is to all, Mt.22:1-3, 8-10; Re. 22:17  
Its duration is everlasting (eternal),  
2 Peter 1:10-11; Psalm 145:13  
Its fellowship is for the faithful, Gal. 2:7-9;  
1 John 1:6-7  
Its benefits are eternal, Matthew 25:46;  
Hebrews 5:9; 1 Peter 5:10

### ITS LIFE – DEVOTION

To the **word** of Christ, Colossians 3:16  
As the **everlasting (eternal)** word,  
Matthew 24:35; Revelation 14:6  
As the **unbreakable** word, John 10:35  
As the **inspired (God-breathed)** word,  
2 Timothy 3:16  
As the **all-sufficient** word, 2 Tim. 3:16-17  
As the **perfect** word, 1 Cor. 13:9-10;  
James 1:22-25  
As the **incorruptible (imperishable)** word,  
1 Peter 1:23 (note Luke 8:11)  
As the **living** word, Hebrews 4:12;  
1 Peter 1:23  
As the **life giving** word, Psalm 119:50;  
Philippians 2:16; John 6:63  
As the **saving** word, Acts 11:13-14;  
James 1:21  
As the **powerful (active)** word,  
Hebrews 4:12; Romans 1:16  
As the **comforting (encouraging)** word,  
1 Thessalonians 4:14-18  
To the **example** of Christ, 1 Pe. 2:21; 1 Jn. 2:6  
Toward His family, Luke 2:51; John 19:26-27  
Toward His heavenly Father, John 5:30;  
6:38; 8:29  
Toward civil government, Matt. 22:15-22  
Toward His enemies, Mt. 5:43-48; Lk. 23:34  
Toward lost men, Luke 15:1-10; 19:10  
Toward the church itself, Ephesians 5:25

### ITS DESTINY – HEAVEN

By heaven's wisdom it was purposed,  
Ephesians 3:10-11

By heaven's love it was purchased,  
Ephesians 5:25; Acts 20:28  
By heaven's grace it is kept, Acts 20:32;  
2 Corinthians 1:12; Hebrews 4:16  
For heaven's glory it hopes, Romans 5:2;  
Colossians 1:27; 1 Peter 5:10  
To heaven it will go, John 12:26; 1 Peter 1:4  
In heaven it will remain, John 14:2-3;  
Hebrews 11:16; 13:14; 1 Thess. 4:17  
In heaven it will rest, Hebrews 4:8-11

*"Every plant which My heavenly Father has  
not planted will be uprooted."*

Matthew 15:13

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(MARKS THAT MATTER)

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### ITS FOUNDER – CHRIST

He is purchaser, Acts 20:28  
He is builder, Matthew 16:18  
He is head, Colossians 1:18  
He is Savior, Ephesians 5:23  
He is Lord, Acts 2:36, 47

### ITS FOUNDATION – THE SON OF GOD

"This rock" – "the Christ," Matt. 16:16, 18  
"No other foundation," 1 Corinthians 3:11  
"Sure (firm) foundation," Isaiah 28:16

### ITS ORIGIN – A.D. 33 IN JERUSALEM

After Hades (hell) tried to prevail against it by  
holding its builder & failed, Mt.16:18; Ac.2:31  
While the apostles lived, Mark 9:1  
When power and the Holy Spirit came,  
Mark 9:1; Acts 1:8; 2:1-4  
When "the word of the Lord" went forth "from  
Jerusalem." Isa. 2:2-3; Lk. 24:49; 1Pe. 1:25

### ITS DESIGNATIONS – BY APOSTOLIC AUTHORITY

Christ called it:

"My church," Matt. 16:18

"The kingdom of heaven," Matt. 16:19

"The kingdom of God," Matt. 19:23-24

Apostles called it:

"The church," Ephesians 1:22

"The churches of Christ" (Singular -  
"the church of Christ"), Rom. 16:16

"The church of God," Galatians 1:13

"The church of the living God," 1 Tim. 3:15

"The house of God," 1 Tim. 3:15; Heb. 10:21

"The household of God," Ephesians 2:19

"The household of faith," Galatians 6:10

"The kingdom," James 2:5

"A kingdom which cannot be shaken  
(moved)," Hebrews 12:28

"The body," Colossians 1:18

“The body of Christ,” Ephesians 4:12

“The flock,” Acts 20:28

“The flock of God,” 1 Peter 5:2

### **ITS MEMBERSHIP – PERSONS WHO:**

Hear the word (gospel), Ac. 15:7; Ro. 10:16-17

Believe the gospel, Acts 15:7; Mark 16:15-16

Repent of sins, Acts 17:30; Luke 5:32

Confess the Christ, Acts 8:37; Rom. 10:9

Are baptized:

To obey a command, Matthew 28:18-19

And thus buried, Romans 6:4; Col. 2:12

In water, Acts 8:38-39; 10:47-48

To wash away sins, Acts 22:16

For remission (forgiveness) of sins, Acts 2:38

To be saved, 1 Peter 3:21; Mark 16:16

Into Christ, Galatians 3:27

Into one body (church, Col. 1:18), 1Co. 12:13

### **ITS WORSHIP – “IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH”**

Teaching/Preaching, Acts 2:42; 15:35; 2 Ti. 4:2

Lord’s Supper (breaking bread, communion),

Acts 2:42; 20:7; 1 Cor. 11:20-30; 10:16

Praying, Acts 2:42; 12:5; 1 Thess. 5:17

Giving (collection), 2 Cor. 9:7; 1 Cor. 16:1-2

Singing, Ephesians 5:18-19; Colossians 3:16

### **ITS WORK – SAVING SOULS**

Preaching/Teaching:

The gospel (word), Mark 16:15; Acts 15:35

To make known God’s wisdom, Ep. 3:10-11

To the lost, Acts 5:42

To the saved, 2 Timothy 4:2

Edifying (building up):

The body (church), Ephesians 4:11-12

By effective (proper) working of every part (member), Ephesians 4:16

By our speech, Ephesians 4:29

By our love (charity), 1 Corinthians 8:1

In our worship, 1 Corinthians 14:26

Helping (benevolence):

Financially, the saints, based on need, Acts 2:44-45; Ro. 12:13 (note 2Th. 3:10)

The poor, Galatians 2:10

Orphans/widows, James 1:27

(note 1 Timothy 5:16)

Everyone, especially church members, as we have opportunity, Galatians 6:10

### **ITS DOCTRINE – THE NEW TESTAMENT**

Christ is the Lawgiver, John 13:34; Gal. 6:2

The Holy Spirit is the Revealer,

1 Cor. 2:10-13; Eph. 3:1-6

The apostles’ (doctrine) teaching/tradition is its manual, Acts 2:42; 1 Co. 4:17; 2 Th. 2:15; 3:6

### **ITS ORGANIZATION – CONGREGATIONAL**

Organically independent of every other church

Subject to Christ, the Chief Shepherd, 1 Pe. 5:4

Self-governing with elders (overseers, bishops, shepherds, pastors) who oversee, shepherd, feed, tend, rule/lead by example the flock among them, Acts 14:23; 20:17, 28; Php. 1:1; 1 Pet. 5:1-4; Hebrews 13:17; 1 Timothy 3:1-7; Ephesians 4:11

With deacons to serve, Philippians 1:1; 1 Timothy 3:8-13

With evangelist(s) (preacher, minister) who ministers (serves) by preaching and teaching the word, Ephesians 4:11-13; Acts 20:26-27; 2 Tim. 4:2-5; 1 Tim. 4:6

With members (saints) using their differing gifts, Philippians 1:1; Romans 12:4-8

### **ITS GOV’T – AN ABSOLUTE MONARCHY**

In heaven is its head, Ephesians 1:19-23

From heaven came its law, 1 Cor. 9:21; 14:37

Under heaven it serves, Gal. 5:13; Heb. 9:14

Toward heaven it worships, Jn. 4:24; Mt. 6:9-13

### **ITS MESSAGE – THE GOSPEL**

Facts to believe:

Anointing of Christ, Mark 14:3-9

Death of Christ, 1 Corinthians 15:1-3

Burial and resurrection of Christ, 1 Cor. 15:4

Evidence of resurrection, 1 Cor. 15:5-9

Commands to obey:

Believe in the gospel, Ro. 1:16; Mk. 1:14-15

Repent of sins, Mark 1:15; Luke 15:10

Confess (acknowledge) the Christ, Mt. 10:32

Be baptized, Mark 16:15-16

Promises to receive:

Remission (forgiveness) of sins, Lk.24:46-47

Salvation, Mark 16:15-16

Hundredfold gain/eternal life, Mark 10:29-30

Eternal glory, 2 Timothy 2:8-10

### **ITS UNITY – UNDENOMINATIONAL**

The Savior **prayed** for it, John 17:20-21

The apostles **pled** for it, 1 Corinthians 1:10

The apostles present the **plan** for it, Ep. 4:4-6

**ONE body (church)**, Ephesians 1:22-23)

– unity of organism, Romans 12:4-5;

1 Corinthians 12:12-27

**ONE Spirit** – unity of revelation, Jn. 16:13;

1 Corinthians 2:7-13; Ephesians 3:1-5;

2 Peter 1:19-21; 2 Timothy 3:16-17

**ONE hope** of your calling (salvation) – unity

of desire/expectation, 2Th.2:13-14; 1Th.5:8

**ONE Lord** – unity of authority, 1 Cor. 8:6;

Mt. 28:18; Lk. 6:46; Jn. 12:48-50; 2Jn. 1:9

**ONE faith** (the faith) – unity of doctrine (teaching), Acts 13:6-12; Galatians 1:23;

2 Timothy 4:7; Jude 1:3-4

**ONE baptism** – unity of practice, Mt. 28:19

As regards subjects – believers,

Acts 8:12; 18:8

As regards action – a burial,

Romans 6:4; Colossians 2:12

As regards design – salvation,

Mark 16:16; 1 Peter 3:21

**ONE God** – unity of worship, 1 Cor. 8:6;

Matthew 4:10; John 4:23-24; Rev. 14:7

The faithful **perpetuate** it, Eph. 4:1-3

### **ITS UNIVERSALITY – ALL NATIONS**

The commission extends to every nation,

tribe, tongue, and people, Matt. 28:19;

Revelation 14:6