

THE BLUEPRINT

For The Church JESUS BUILT

Hebrews 8:3–6

Hebrews 8:3–6 (NKJV)

³ For every high priest is appointed to offer both gifts and sacrifices. Therefore *it is necessary* that this One also have something to offer. ⁴ For if He were on earth, He would not be a priest, since there are priests who offer the gifts according to the law; ⁵ who serve the copy and shadow of the heavenly things, as Moses was divinely instructed when he was about to make the tabernacle. ...

Hebrews 8:3–6 (NKJV)

For He said, “*See that you make all things according to the pattern shown you on the mountain.*” ⁶ But

now He has obtained a more excellent ministry, inasmuch as He is also Mediator of a better covenant, which was established on better promises.

WHY?

ARE THERE SO MANY
CHURCHES?

The SEED Principle & The Blueprint Principle

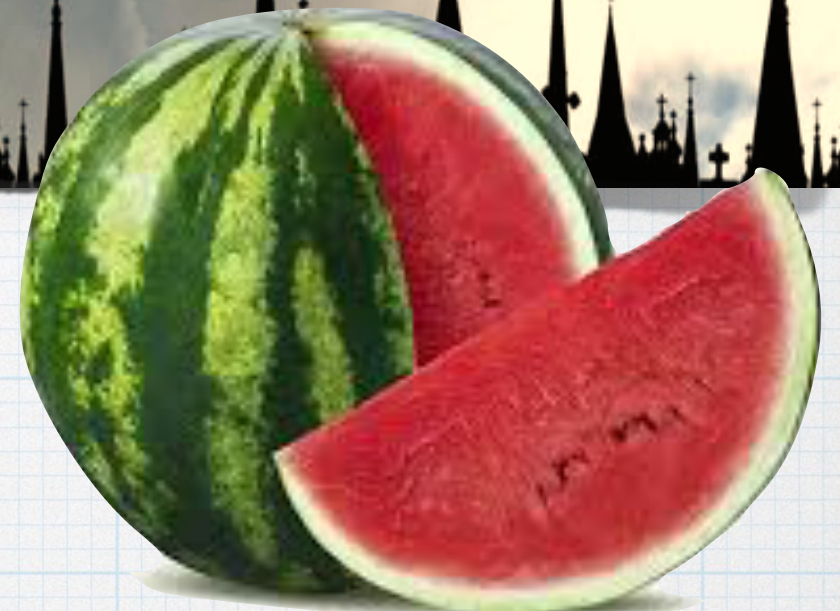
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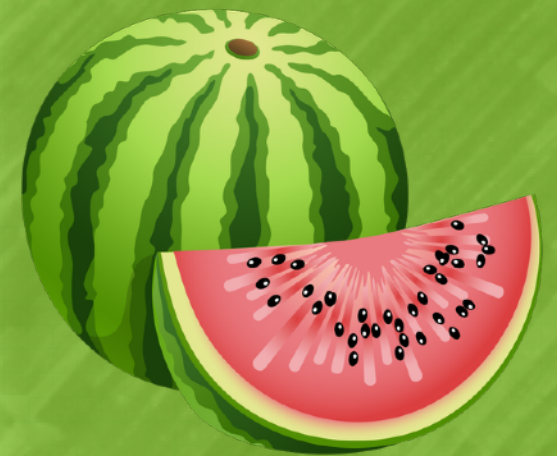
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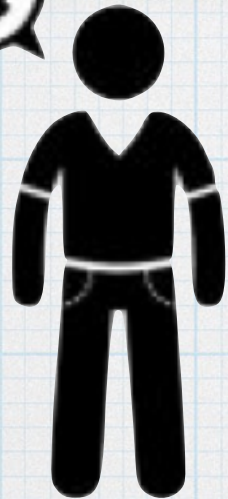


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Atheist



Buddhist



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Muslim



Jews



Christian

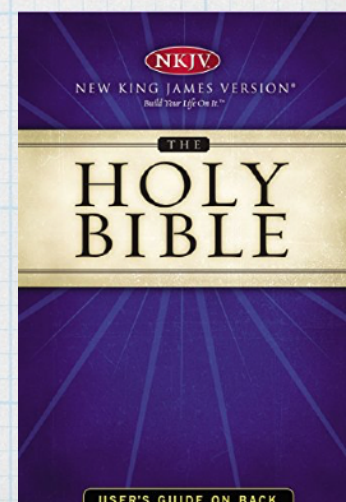
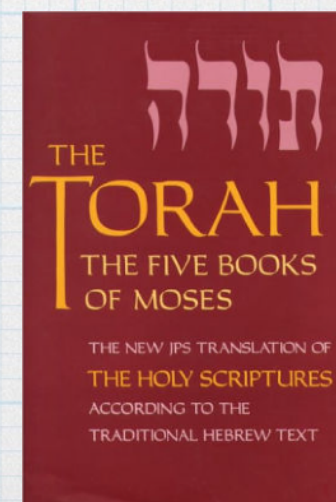
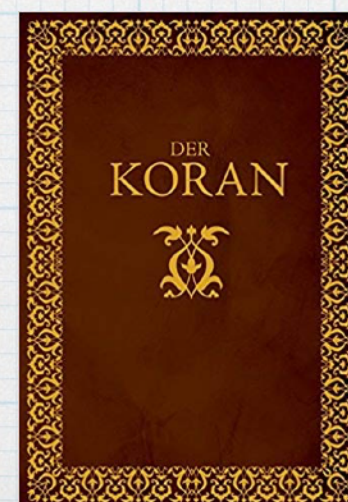
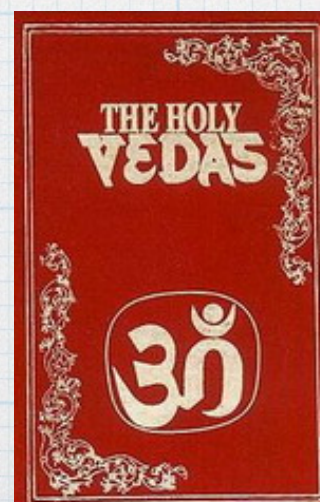
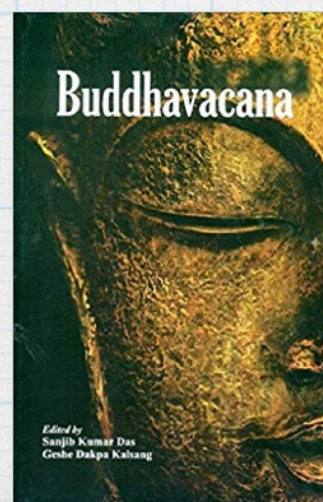
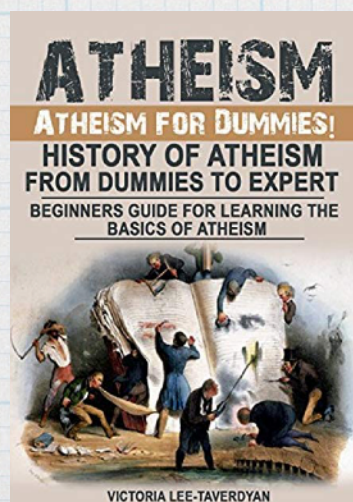
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The Vedas ([/ˈveɪdəz, ˈviː-/](#); ^[1] [Sanskrit](#))

The Koran - And The Ḥadīth

The Torah - Law of Moses

The Bible - Followers of Jesus



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Blueprints, when followed, will always result in a building being what its designer intended it to be!

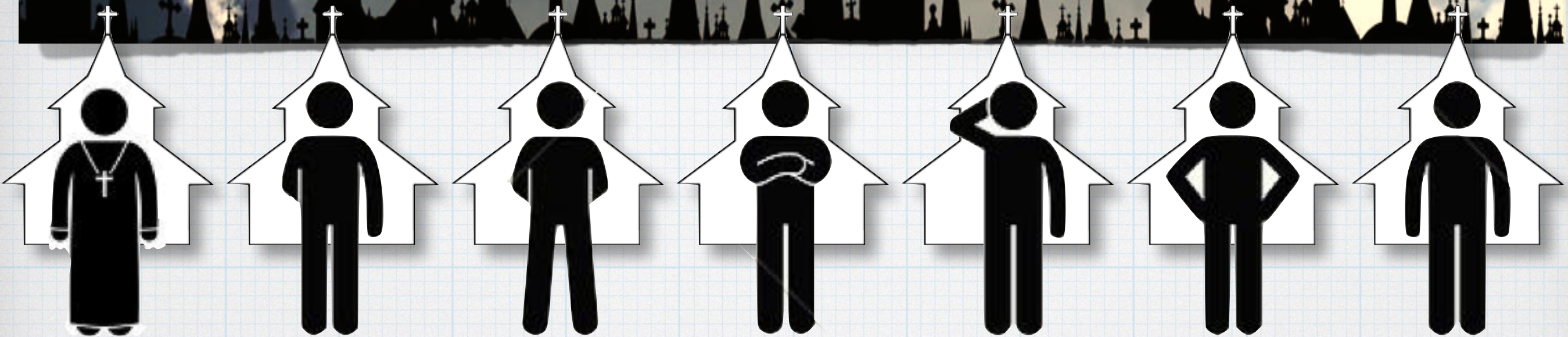


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They ARE BUILT WITH
DIFFERENT BLUE-PRINTS!

Luke 8:11; 2 Timothy 1:13



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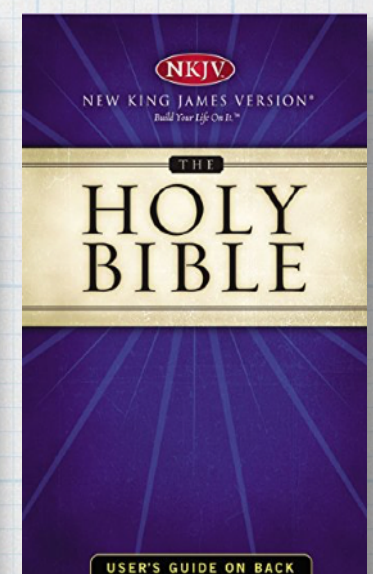
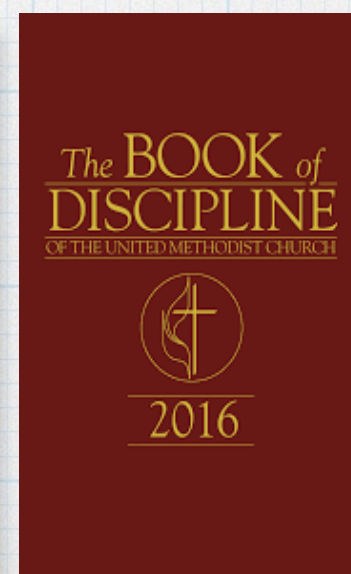
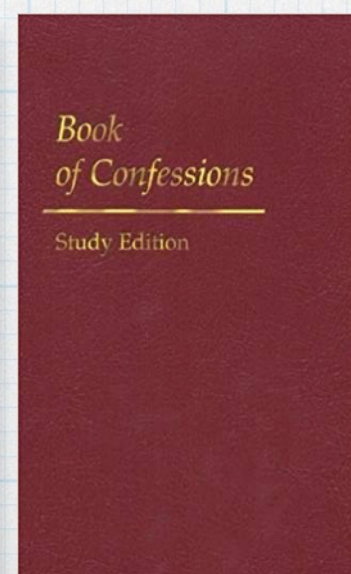
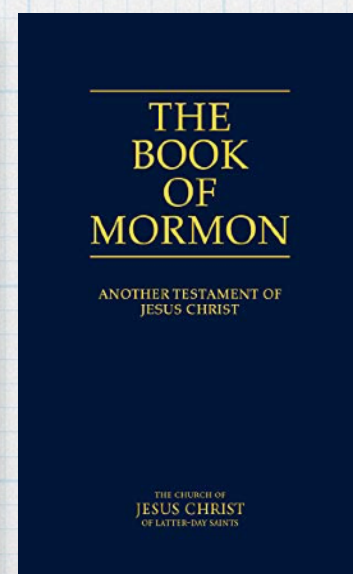
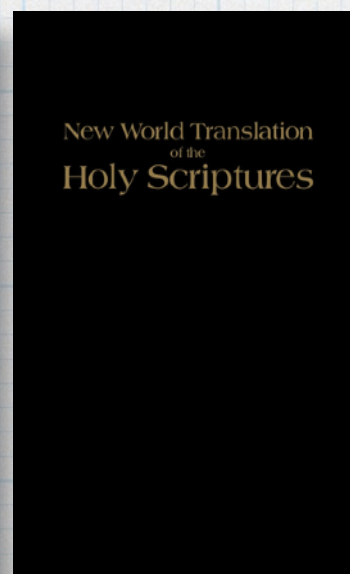
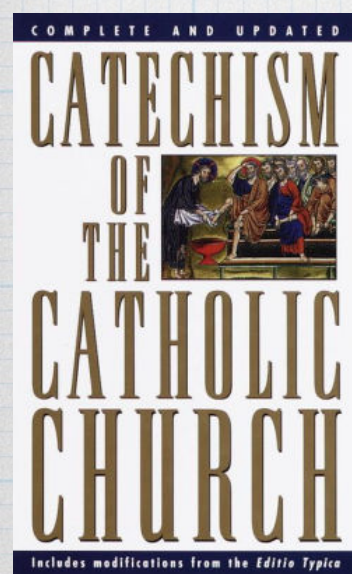
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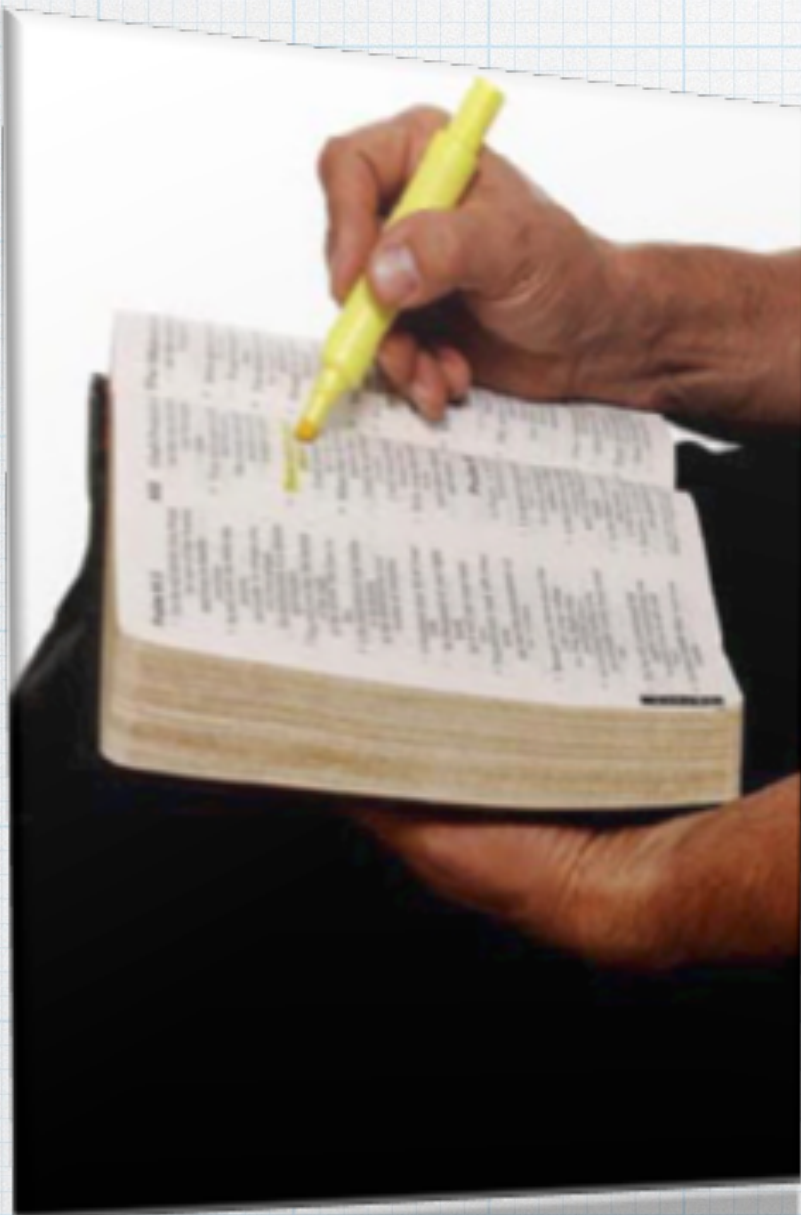
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JUST THE BIBLE - NOTHING ELSE

- ▶ Unscriptural churches do NOT use “JUST” the Bible – (*Confessions, Disciplines, Rules of Faith, Party Statements, etc.*)
- ▶ The LORD’S CHURCH Uses ONLY the Bible as its Guide in FAITH, TEACHING, ORGANIZATION, WORSHIP, & WORK,. (2 Tim 3:16,17; 1 Pet 4:16; Col 3:17)



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When GOD'S BLUEPRINT for His church is followed, the result will always be what GOD intended for it to be!

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Distinction Between Universal church & Local church

- Only one
- Individual Christians
- All the saved
- No earthly organization

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Christians who
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- ORIGIN (Eph 3:10; Acts 2)
- FOUNDATION (1 Cor 3:11)
- BUILDER (Mat 16:18; Acts 2:47)
- HEAD (Eph 1:22; Col 1:18)
- STANDARD (2 Tim 3:16,17; 1 Pet 4:11)
- DOCTRINE – (Acts 2:42; 1 John 9)
- ORGANIZATION (Acts 20:28; Phil 1:1)
- WORSHIP (John 4:24; Acts 2:42)
- WORK (Ephesians 4:11-16)

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JESUS ONLY BUILT ONE CHURCH!!!



All Christians
Everywhere

- "Built by Jesus" - Matt. 16:18
- "Only One" - Eph. 4:4
- "Jesus head of the BODY, the CHURCH" - Col. 1:18; Eph. 1:22-23
- The Saved - Acts 2:47; Eph 5:23-27
- No earthly organization - Ep. 2:19-22; 1 Pet. 2:25
- Those who have obeyed the gospel - (Acts 2:38-47)

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CHURCHES of CHRIST FOLLOW CHRIST — Eph 5:24



Christians In The
Same Location

- Those who have obeyed the gospel - (Acts 2:38-47)
- Who agree to join together in fellowship (Acts 9:26).
- Who worship in a common assembly – (1 Cor. 11:18)
- Who work out of a common treasury – (1 Cor. 16:1-3)
- Who submit to a common oversight – (Acts 14:23; 20:28)

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- A local church that follows the New Testament BLUEPRINT (pattern) can be identified by those who know what the scriptures teach about the church — (Heb 8:1-5; 2 Tim 1:13; 1 Cor 1:10-13)
- What was it called? What did it teach? How was it organized? How & when did it worship? What work was it involved in? ...

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A CHURCH of CHRIST FOLLOWS THE BLUEPRINT

What IS IT CALLED?



Reflects Distinction of Belief
& Practice - 1 Cor 1:10

Reflects Division / Schism &
carnality - 1 Cor 1:10-13

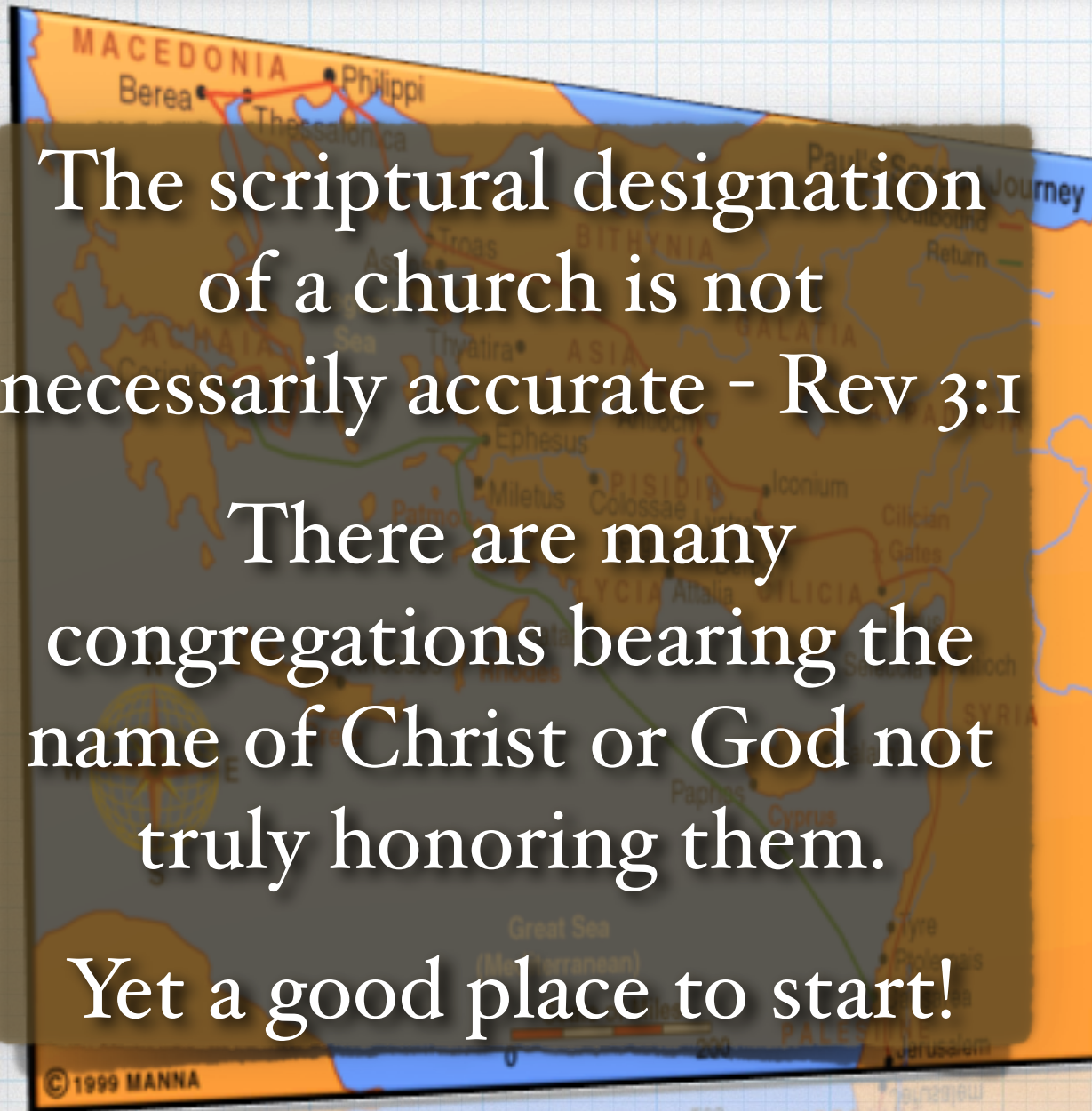
Reflects human standard of
authority - Mat 21:25

- Methodist Church
- Presbyterian Church
- Baptist Church
- Catholic Church
- Apostolic Church
- Lutheran Church
- Episcopalian Church
- Pentecostal Church
- Family Church
- Etc.

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The scriptural designation
of a church is not
necessarily accurate - Rev 3:1

There are many
congregations bearing the
name of Christ or God not
truly honoring them.

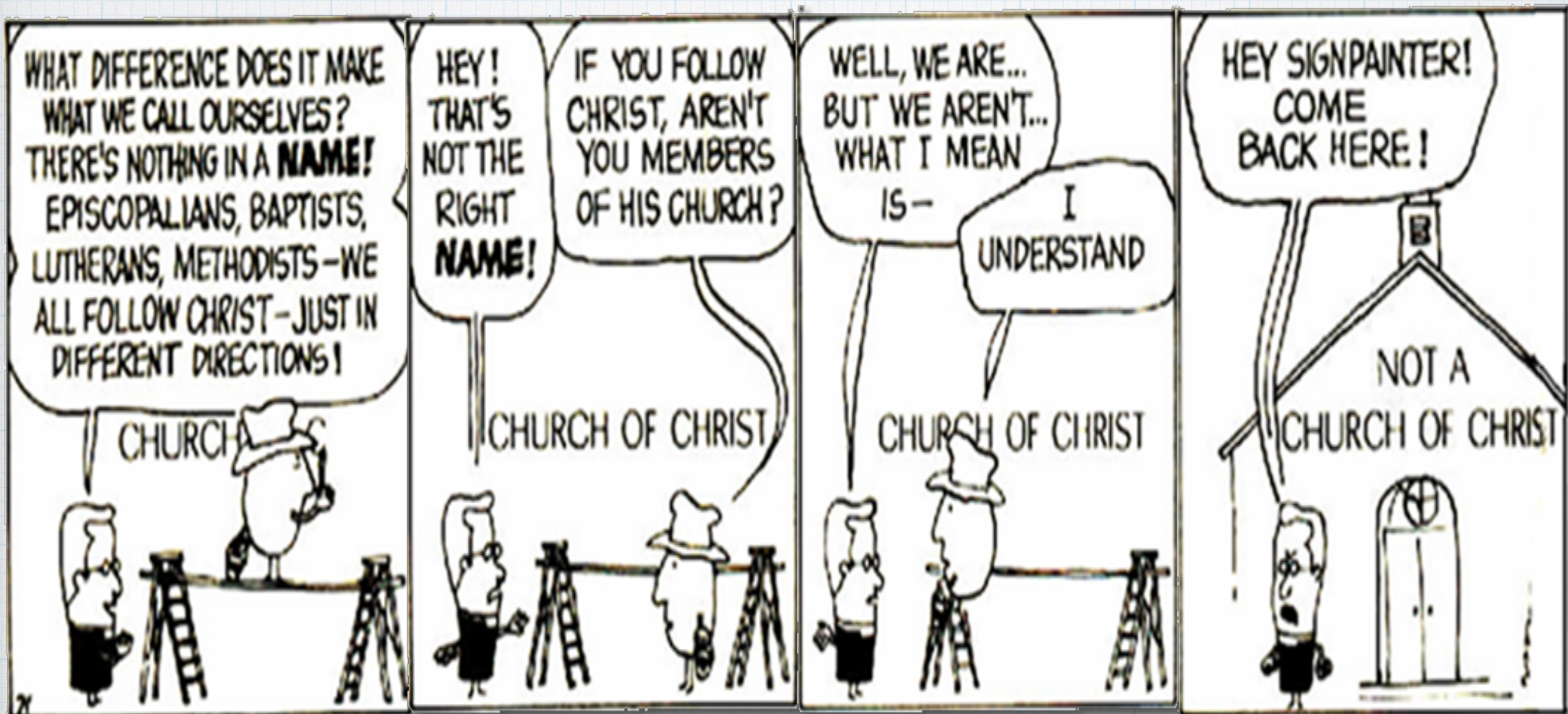
Yet a good place to start!

- “the church of God which is at Corinth” - (1 Cor. 1:2)
- “the church of the Thessalonians in God” - (1 Thess. 1:1).
- “the churches of Galatia” - (1 Cor. 16:1).
- “the churches of the saints” - (1 Cor. 14:33).
- “the churches of Christ” - (Rom. 16:16).
- “the churches” - (Acts 8:3; 15:41, etc., etc.).

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What DOES IT TEACH?



What A Person Must Do In Order
To Be Saved In The Words of
Inspired Men – (1 Peter 4:11)

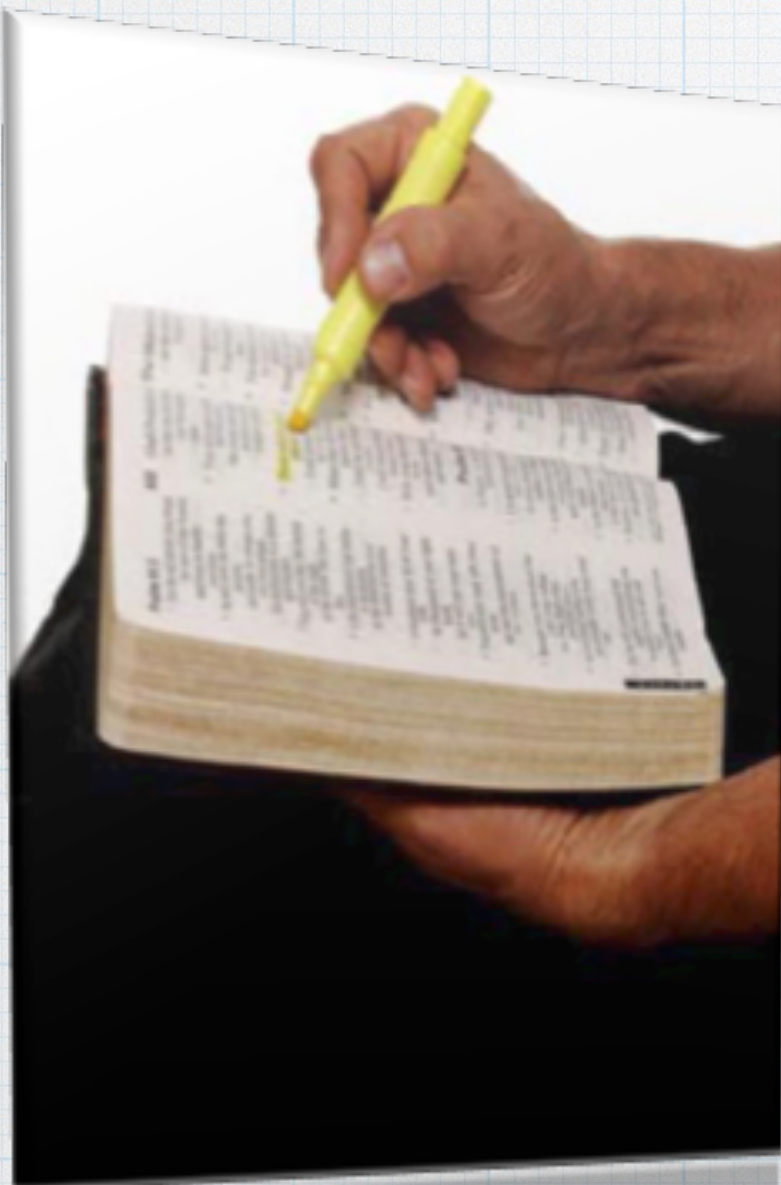
The Alien Sinner - (Rom 10:17;
John 8:24; Romans 10:9,10;
Luke 13:3,5; Acts 17:30; Mark
16:15,16; Acts 2:38; 10:47;
22:16; Ro 6:3-6; 1 Pet 3:21)

The Christian – (Col. 1:23; Rev
2:10; Acts 8:18-24; 1 John 1:9)

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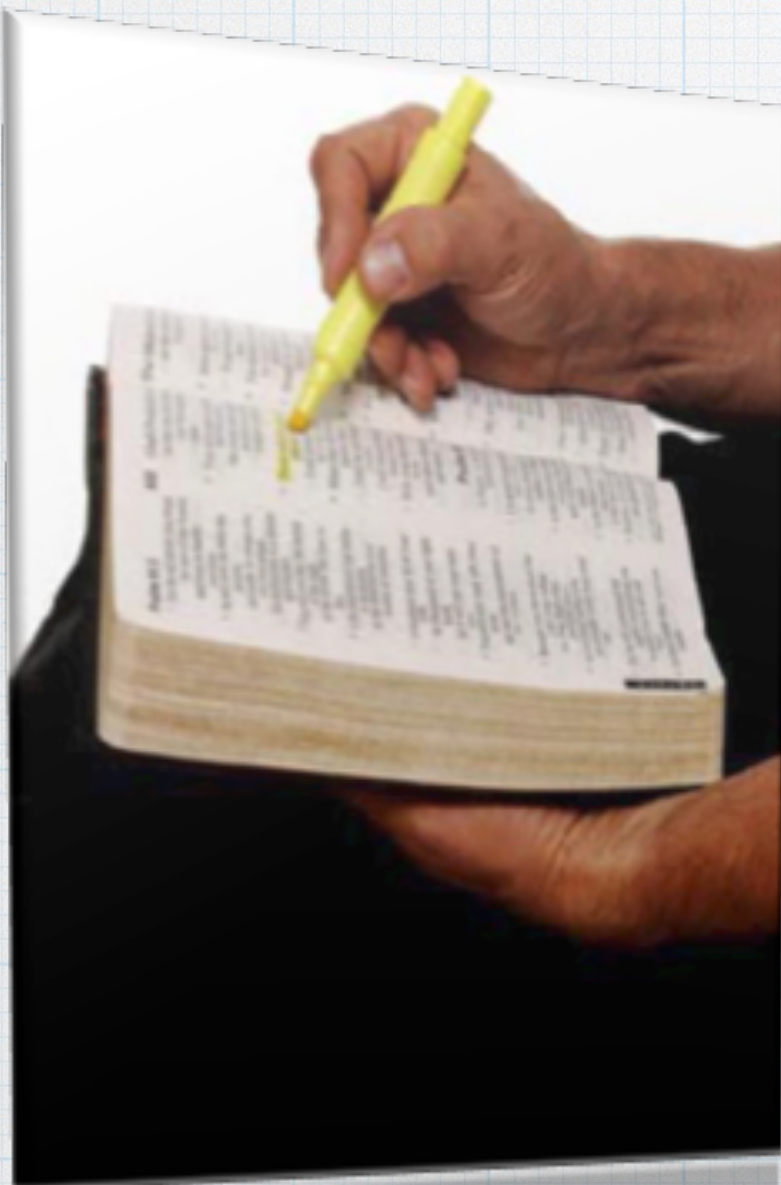


- The Need To Live In Love & Purity – (Mark 12:29-31; Col. 3:1-14; 2 Cor 6:14-7:1; Ephe 5:1-18; 1 Pet 1:13-18)
- The Need For Positive Divine Authority For Everything Believed, Taught & Practiced - (Mat 21:25; 1 Pet 4:11; Col. 3:17)
- The Plea For Unity Upon What The Bible Says – (1 Cor 1:10; John 17:20-22; Ephe 4:1-6)

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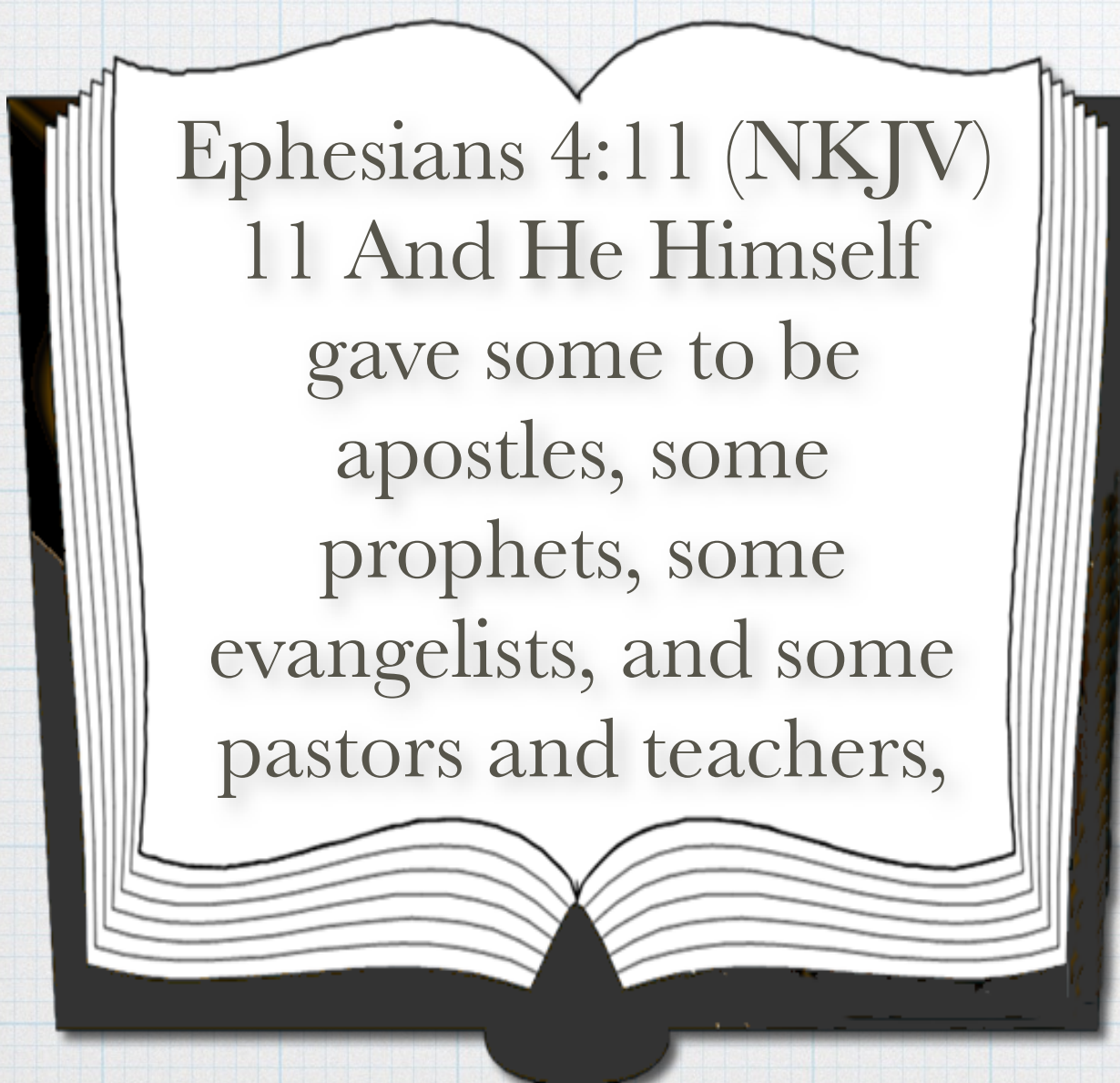


- A church may be “scripturally unorganized” and still be a church of the Lord - Acts 14:27
- However - many churches are “Unscriptural” in how they are organized:
 - ▶ Pyramid Government -
 - ▶ Earthly Headquarters –
 - ▶ Regional Management -
 - ▶ Clergy / Laity – Pastor / Flock -

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Ephesians 4:11 (NKJV)
11 And He Himself
gave some to be
apostles, some
prophets, some
evangelists, and some
pastors and teachers,

Part of the
structure
through their
writings -
Eph 2:20

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PHILIPPIANS 1:1 (NKJV)

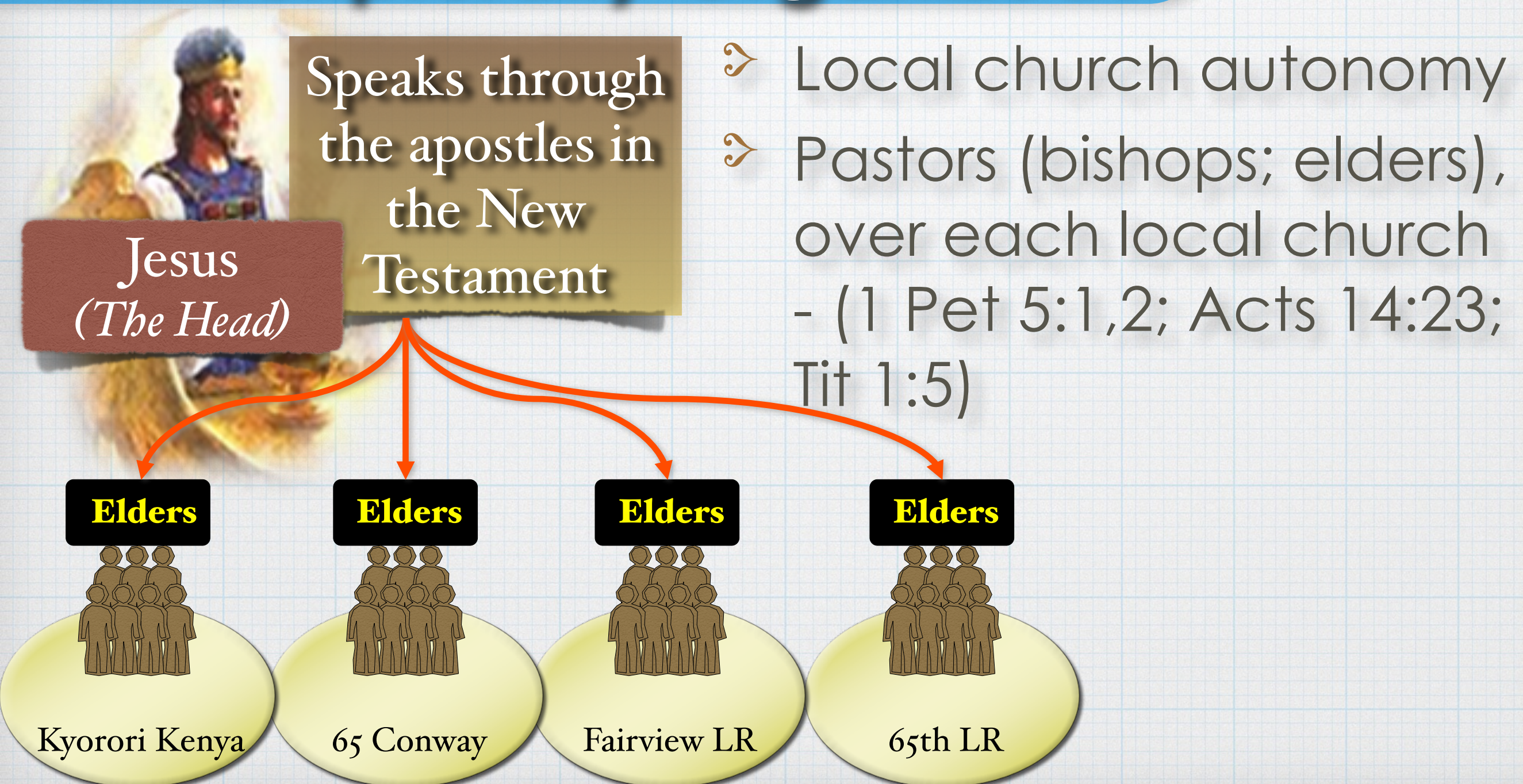
Paul and Timothy,
bondservants of Jesus
Christ, To all the saints
in Christ Jesus who are
in Philippi, with the
bishops and deacons:

- **Elders / Pastors / Bishops** - (Acts 14:23; 20:17,28; 1 Pet. 5:1-5; 1 Tim 3:1-7; Titus 1:5-9)
- **Deacons** – (Phili 1:1; 1 Tim 3:8-13)
- **Saints** – (Phili 1:1; 1 Cor 1:2; 2 Cor. 1:1; Eph 1:1; Col 1:1)

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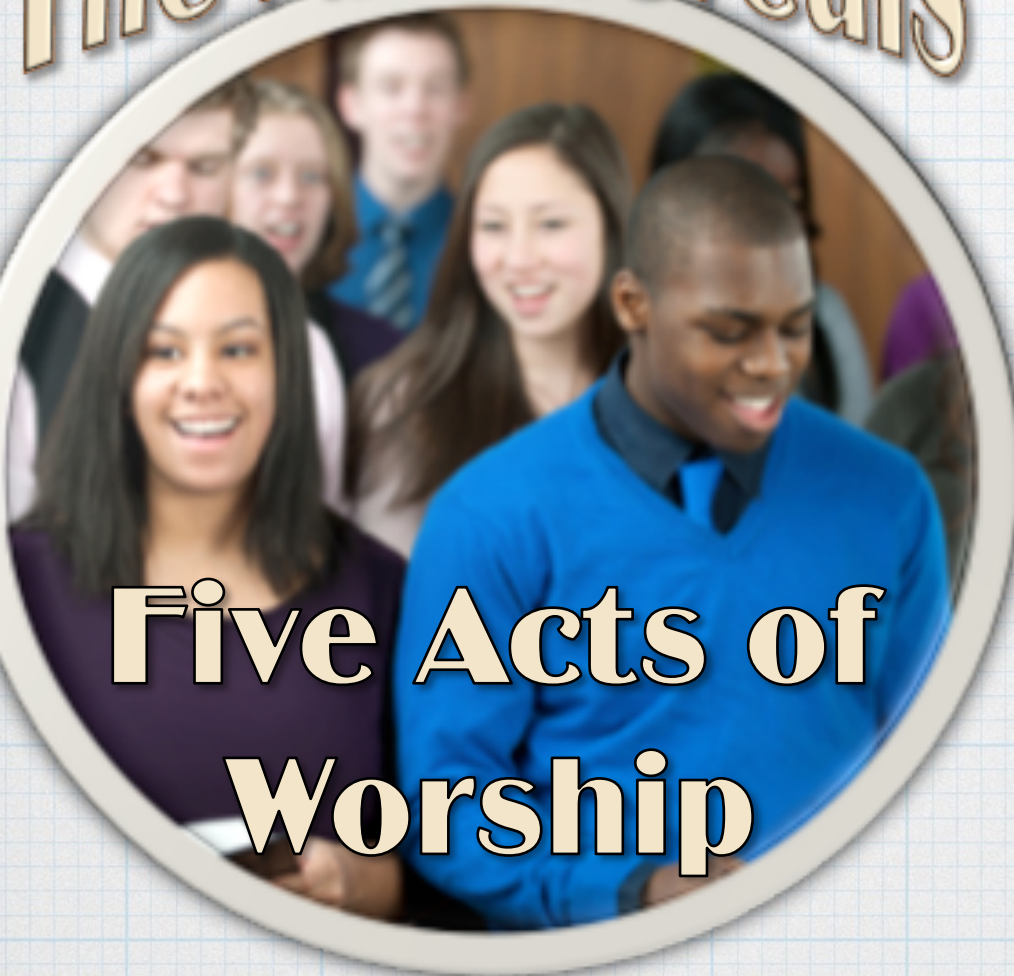


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Is It Scriptural In How It Worships?

The N.T. Reveals



Five Acts of
Worship

- Studying God's Word - (Acts 20:7; Col 4:16)
- Singing – (Eph 5:19; Col. 3:16)
- Praying – (Acts 4:23-31; Eph 6:18)
- Giving (First day of the week) – (1 Cor 16:1,2)
- Observing The Lord's Supper (First day of the week) – (Acts 20:7; 1 Cor 11:23-26)

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Is It Scriptural In Its Work?



- Edification of the church
-(Eph 4:11-16)
- Benevolence to needy
saints - (Ro 15:25-26)
- Evangelism - (Acts
13:1-3)
- Nothing else - (Col. 3:17)

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Is It Scriptural In Its Work?



- Many churches engage in things that can't be found in the NT
 - ▶ Secular Education -
 - ▶ Politics –
 - ▶ Entertainment –
 - ▶ Recreation – (Family Life Centers)
 - ▶ Social / community Services –

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- We will embrace scriptural, God honoring descriptions!
- We will teach and defend the teachings of Jesus! — Jude 3
- We will seek to be organized as the NT instructs! — Phili. 1:1
- We will worship in spirit & truth — John 4:23,24
- We will practice only what we can find in the NT! — Col. 3:17

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- Our plea is for a complete return to the pattern revealed in the New Testament:
- Book Chapter & Verse - Everything the scriptures teach - Nothing the scriptures do not authorize
- Call Bible things by Bible names
- Do Bible things in Bible ways
- Back to the Bible

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Ephesians 3:8–13 (NKJV)

⁸ To me, who am less than the least of all the saints, this grace was given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, ⁹ and to make all see what *is* the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the ages has been hidden in God who created all things through Jesus Christ;



Ephesians 3:8–13 (NKJV)

¹⁰ to the intent that now the manifold wisdom of God might be made known by the church to the principalities and powers in the heavenly *places*, ¹¹ according to the eternal purpose which He accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord,



Ephesians 3:8–13 (NKJV)

¹² in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through faith in Him. ¹³ Therefore I ask that you do not lose heart at my tribulations for you, which is your glory.

