



THE PATTERN OF THE CHURCH JESUS BUILT

Luke 8:11; 2 Timothy 1:13; 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. 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.

THE SEED, PATTERN & BLUEPRINT PRINCIPLE

Genesis 1:11; 2 Timothy 1:13; Hebrews 8:3–6

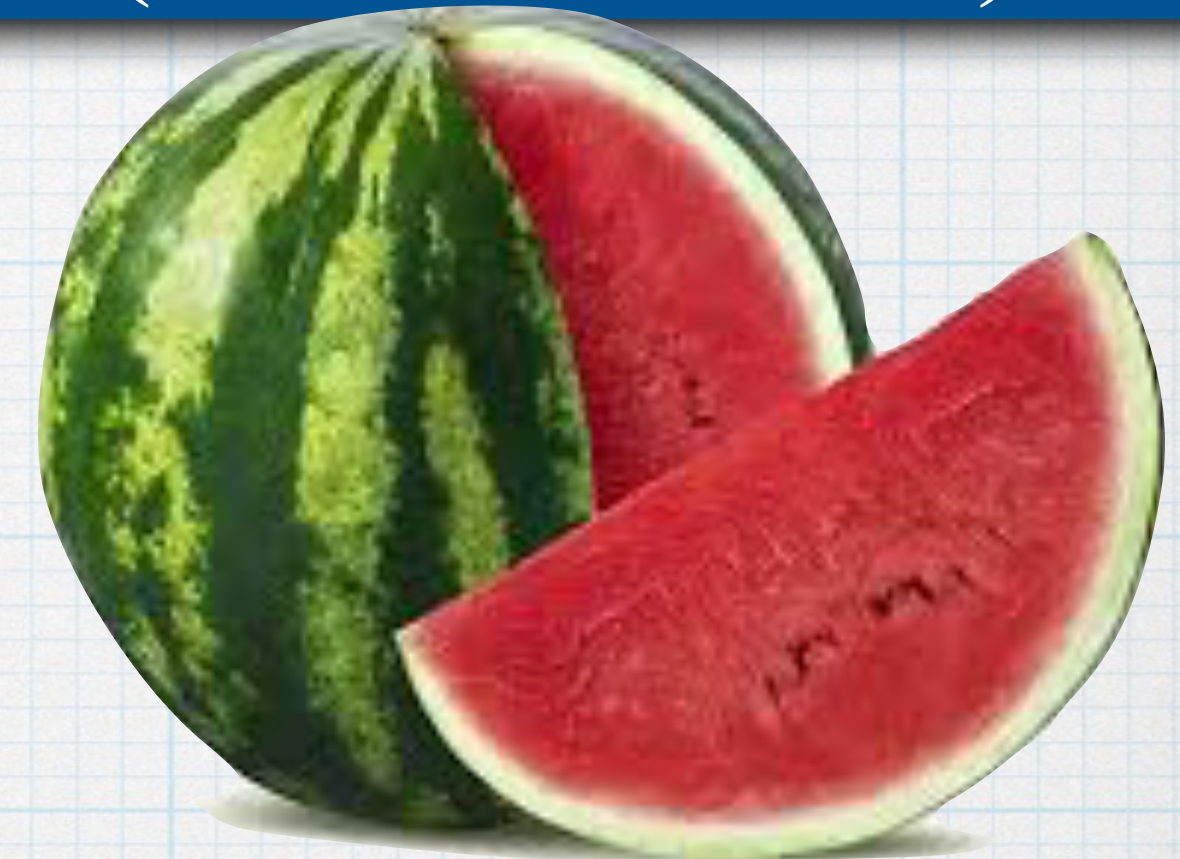
“yields fruit according to its kind, whose seed *is* in itself” (Genesis 1:11)



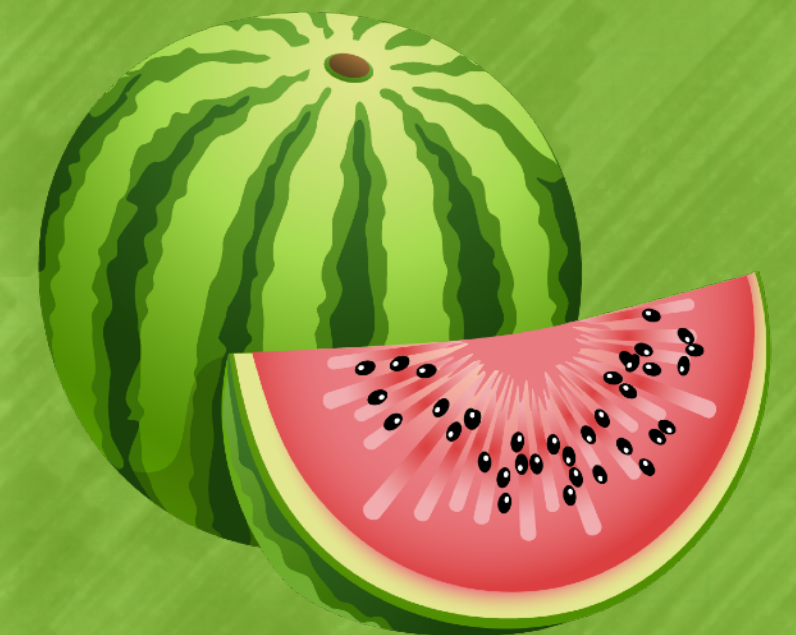
**Corn
SEEDS**



**Tomato
SEEDS**



**Watermelon
SEEDS**



THE SEED, PATTERN & BLUEPRINT PRINCIPLE

Luke 8:11; 2 Timothy 1:13; Hebrews 8:3–6

“Hold fast the pattern of sound words which you have heard from me” (2 Timothy 1:13)




When original patterns
are followed, the
SAME results are
reproduced over and
over again!

THE SEED, PATTERN & BLUEPRINT PRINCIPLE

Luke 8:11; 2 Timothy 1:13; Hebrews 8:3–6

“See that you make all things according to the pattern ...” (Hebrews 8:5)



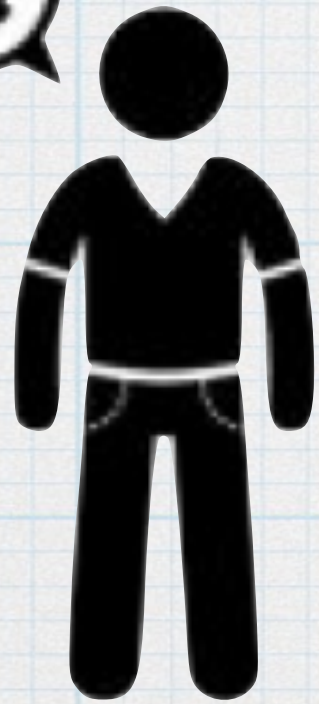
Blueprints, when followed, will always result in a building being what its designer intended it to be!



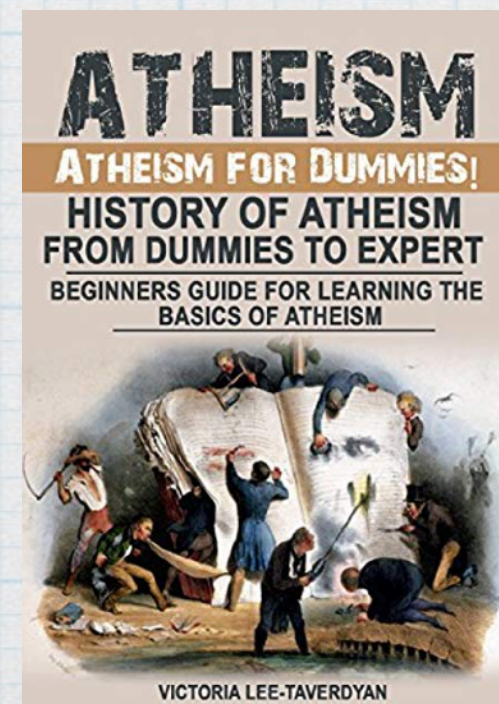
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ARE THERE SO MANY CHURCHES?

DIFFERENT SEEDS / PATTERNS RESULT
IN DIFFERENT BELIEF SYSTEMS

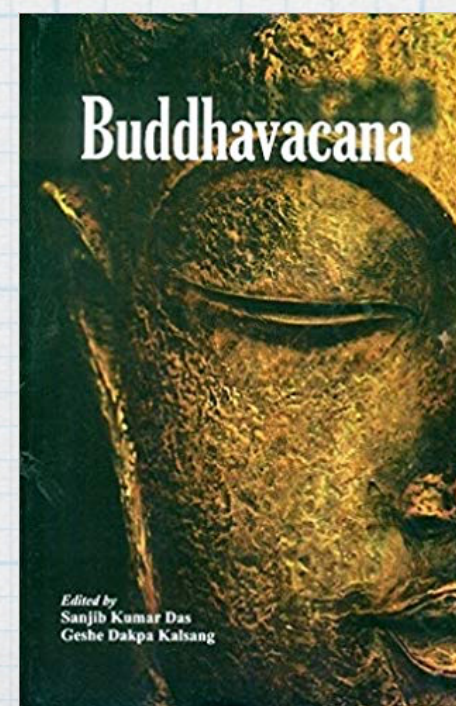


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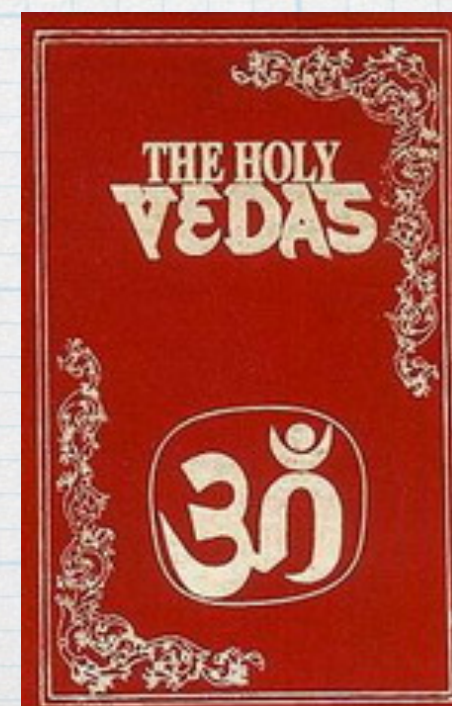
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*Buddhavacana - The Word
of the Buddha*



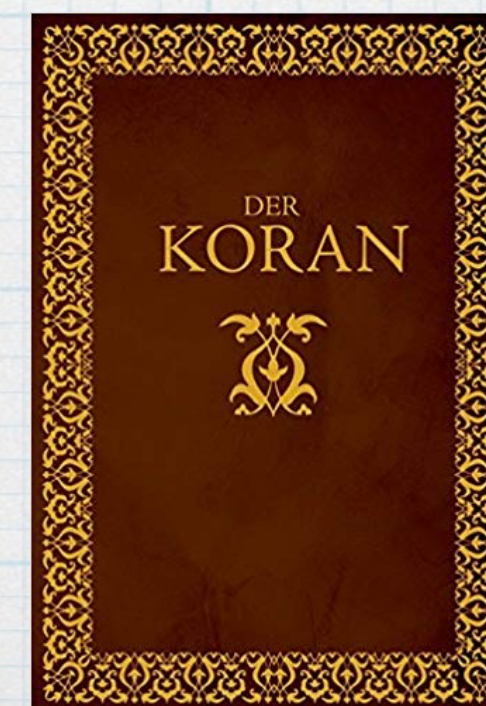
Hindu

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



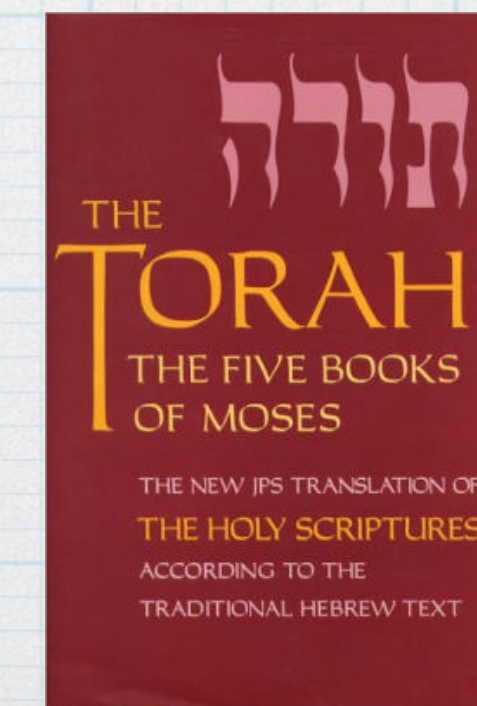
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*The Koran - And
The Ḥadīth*



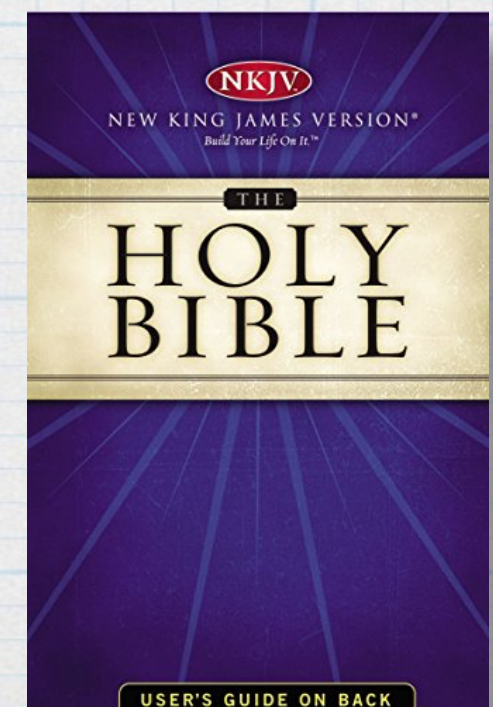
Jews

*The Torah -
Law of Moses*



Christian

*The Bible - - Followers
of Jesus*



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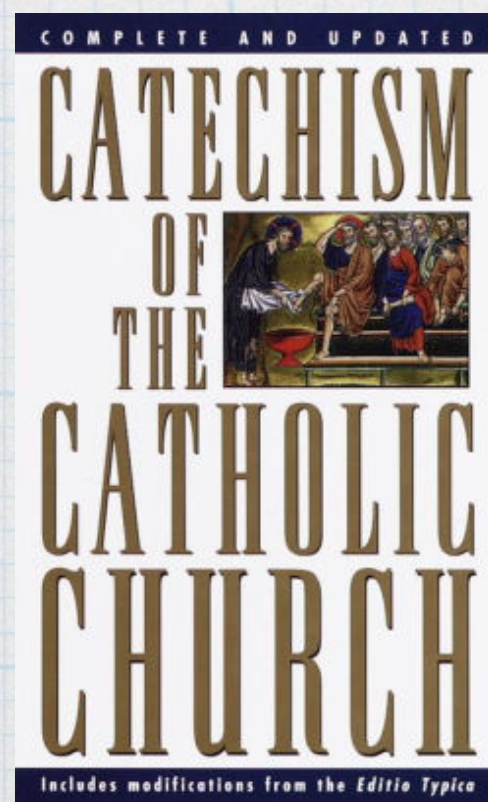
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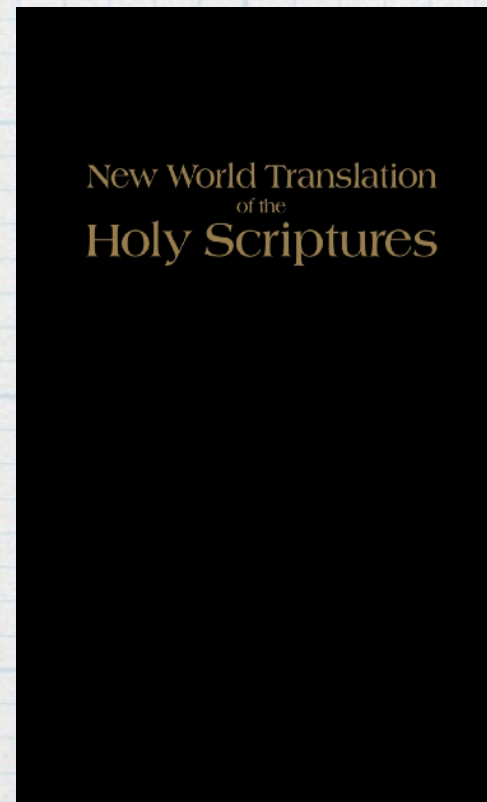
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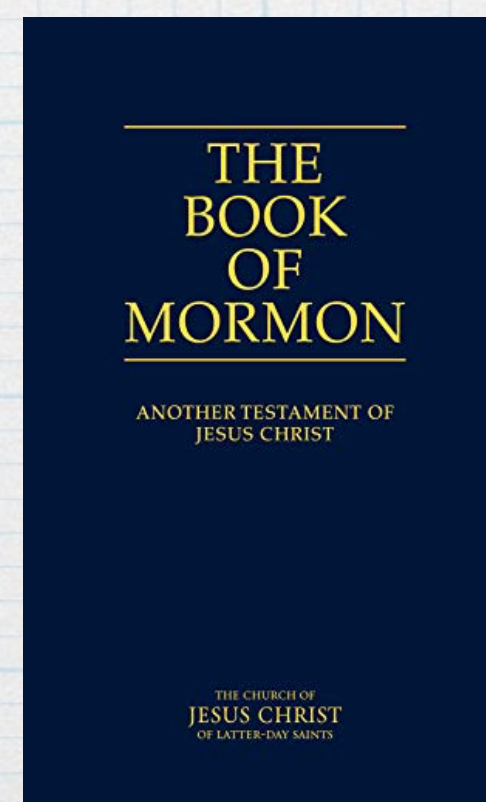
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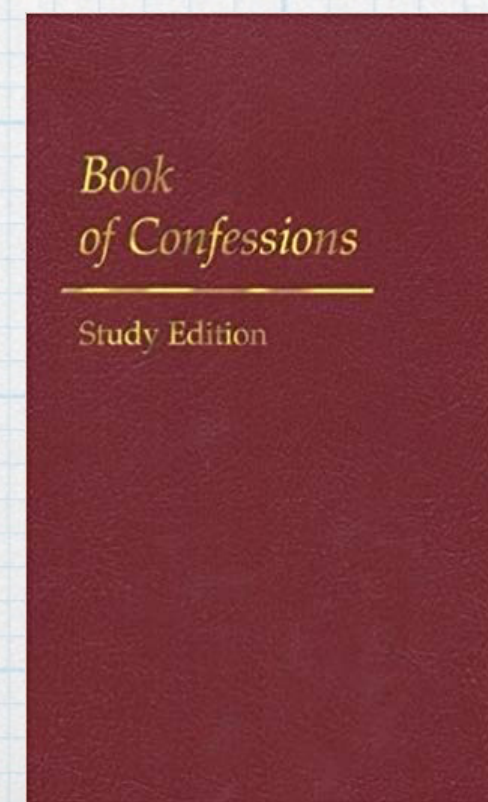
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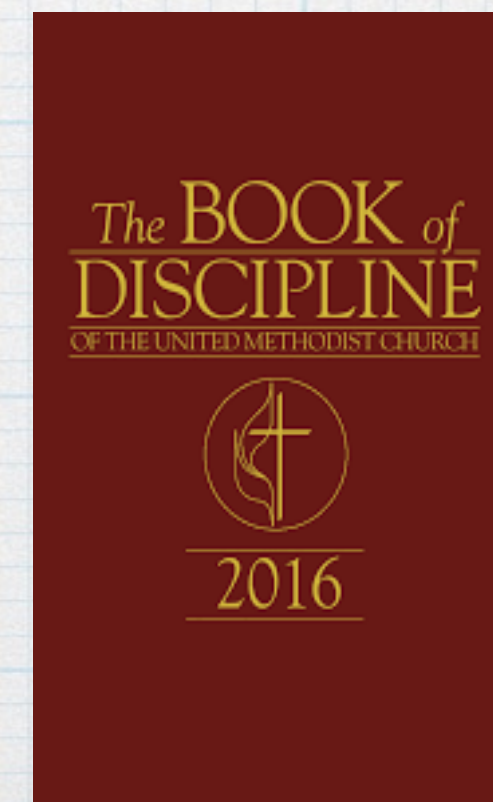
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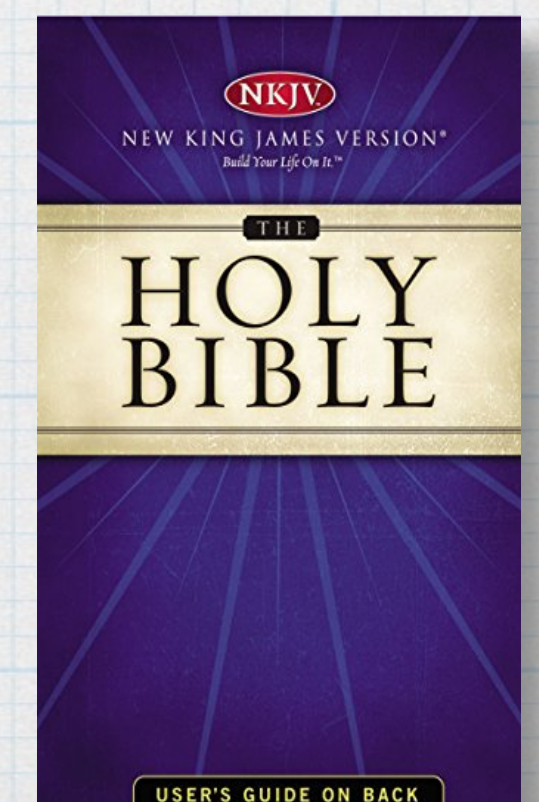
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Baptist

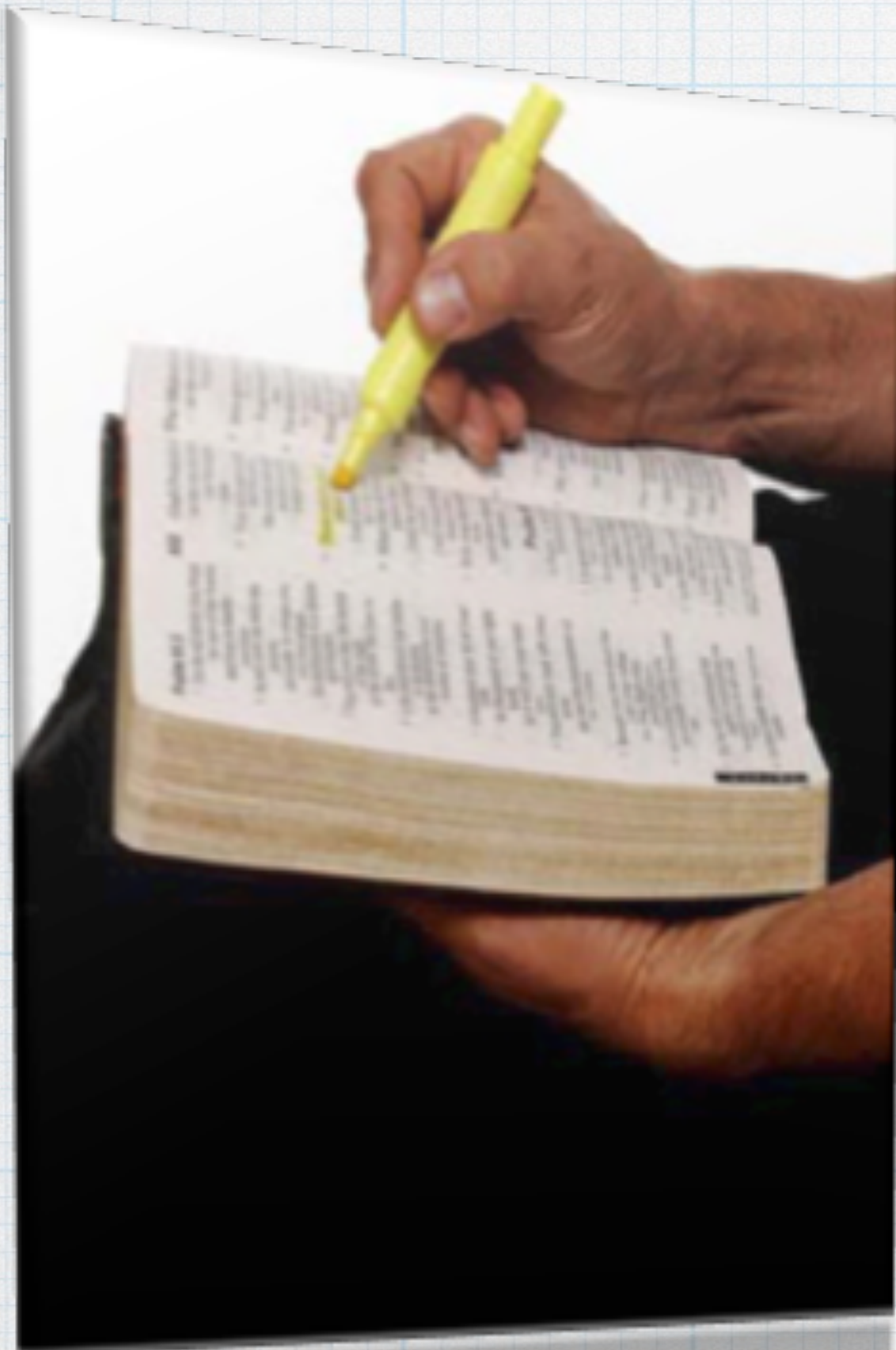


The Lord's



RIGHT PATTERN = CHRIST'S ECCLESIA (CHURCH)

JUST THE BIBLE - NOTHING ELSE



The LORD'S CHURCH Uses
ONLY GOD'S WORD 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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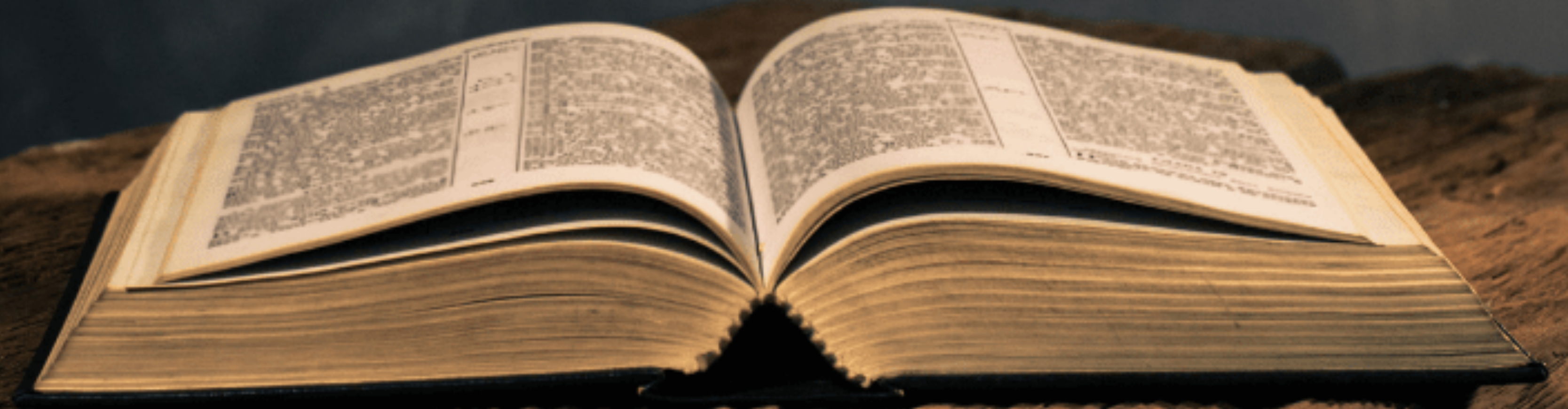


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The Authoritative Standard!



**THE WORD OF GOD IS THE
STANDARD BY WHICH OUR
EVERY WORD AND DEED IS
TO BE MEASURED.**



THE PATTERN FOR THE CHURCH OF CHRIST

Distinction Between Universal church & Local church

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

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Christians who join
together in a location

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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)

THE PATTERN FOR THE CHURCH OF CHRIST

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)

THE PATTERN FOR THE CHURCH OF CHRIST

CHURCHES of CHRIST FOLLOW CHRIST — Eph 5:24



Christians In The
Same Location

- Those who have obeyed the gospel (Acts 2:38-47; 8:4-16,32-36; 10:47,48; etc.)
- 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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Christians In The
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- A local church that follows the New Testament 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)
- A N.T. church - What was it called? What did it teach? How was it organized? How & when did it worship? What work was it involved in? ...

THE PATTERN FOR THE CHURCH OF CHRIST

CHURCHES BELONGING TO CHRIST FOLLOW THE PATTERN

What IS IT CALLED?



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!

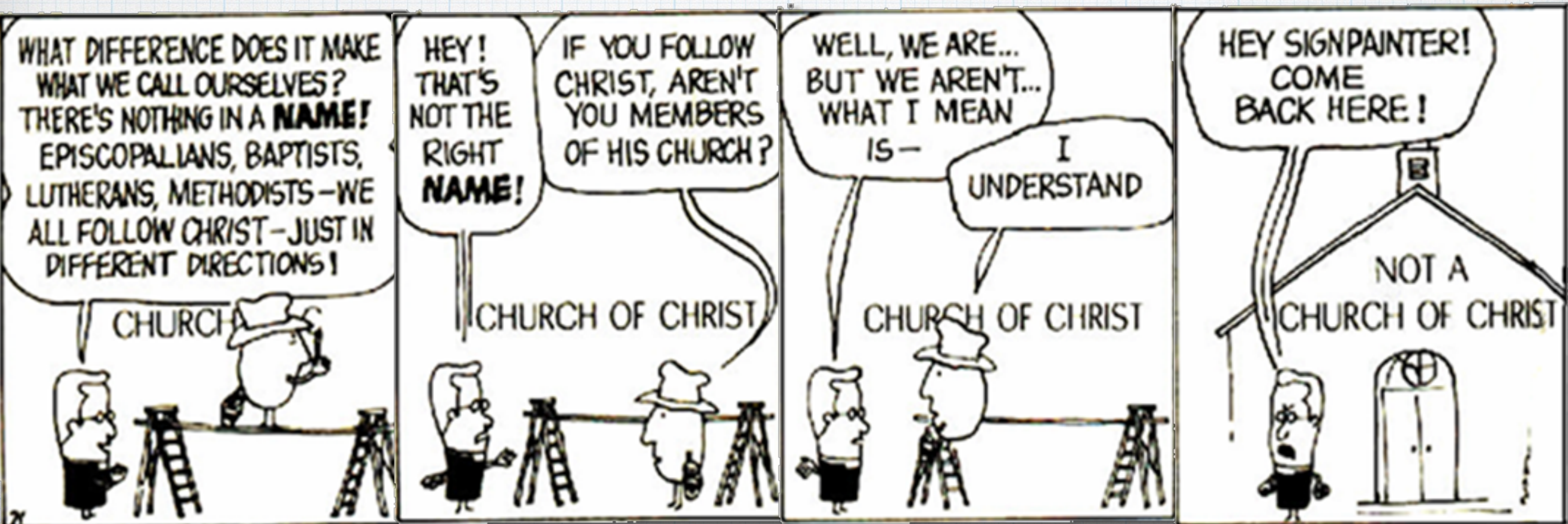
- “the church of God which is at Corinth” - (1 Cor. 1:2)
- “the church of the Thessalonians in God” - (1 Thess. 1:1).
- “the churches of Galatia” - (1 Cor. 16:1).
- “the churches of the saints” - (1 Cor. 14:33).
- “the churches of Christ” - (Rom. 16:16).
- “the churches” - (Acts 8:3; 15:41, etc., etc.).

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What IS IT CALLED?

Theophilus - Bob West



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What DOES IT TEACH?

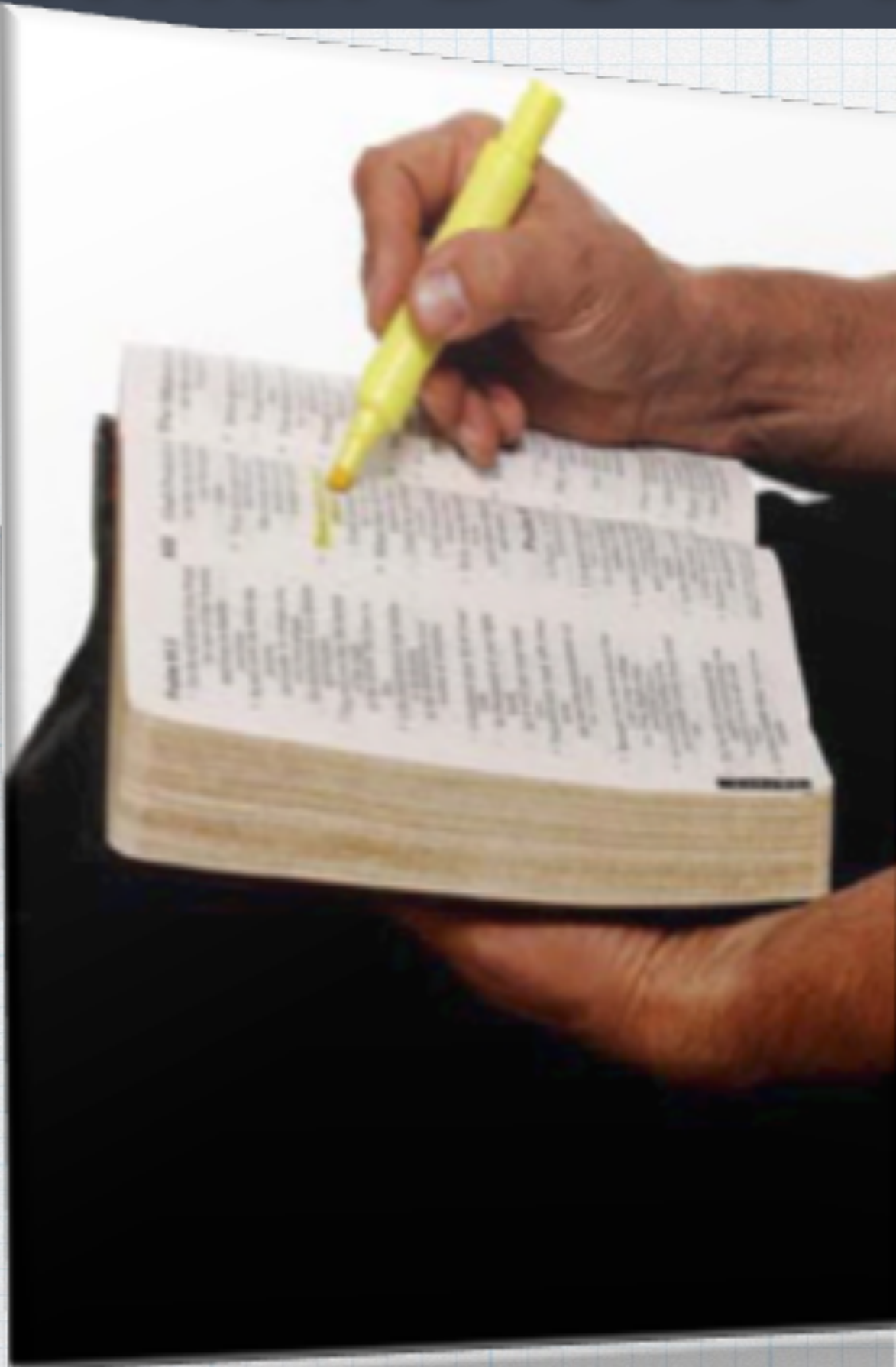


- What A Person Must Do In Order To Be Saved In The Words of Inspired Men (1 Peter 4:11)
- The Alien Sinner (Rom 10:17; John 8:24; Romans 10:9,10; Luke 13:3,5; Acts 17:30; Mark 16:15,16; Acts 2:38; 10:47; 22:16; Ro 6:3-6; 1 Pet 3:21)
- The Christian (Col. 1:23; Rev 2:10; Acts 8:18-24; 1 John 1:9)

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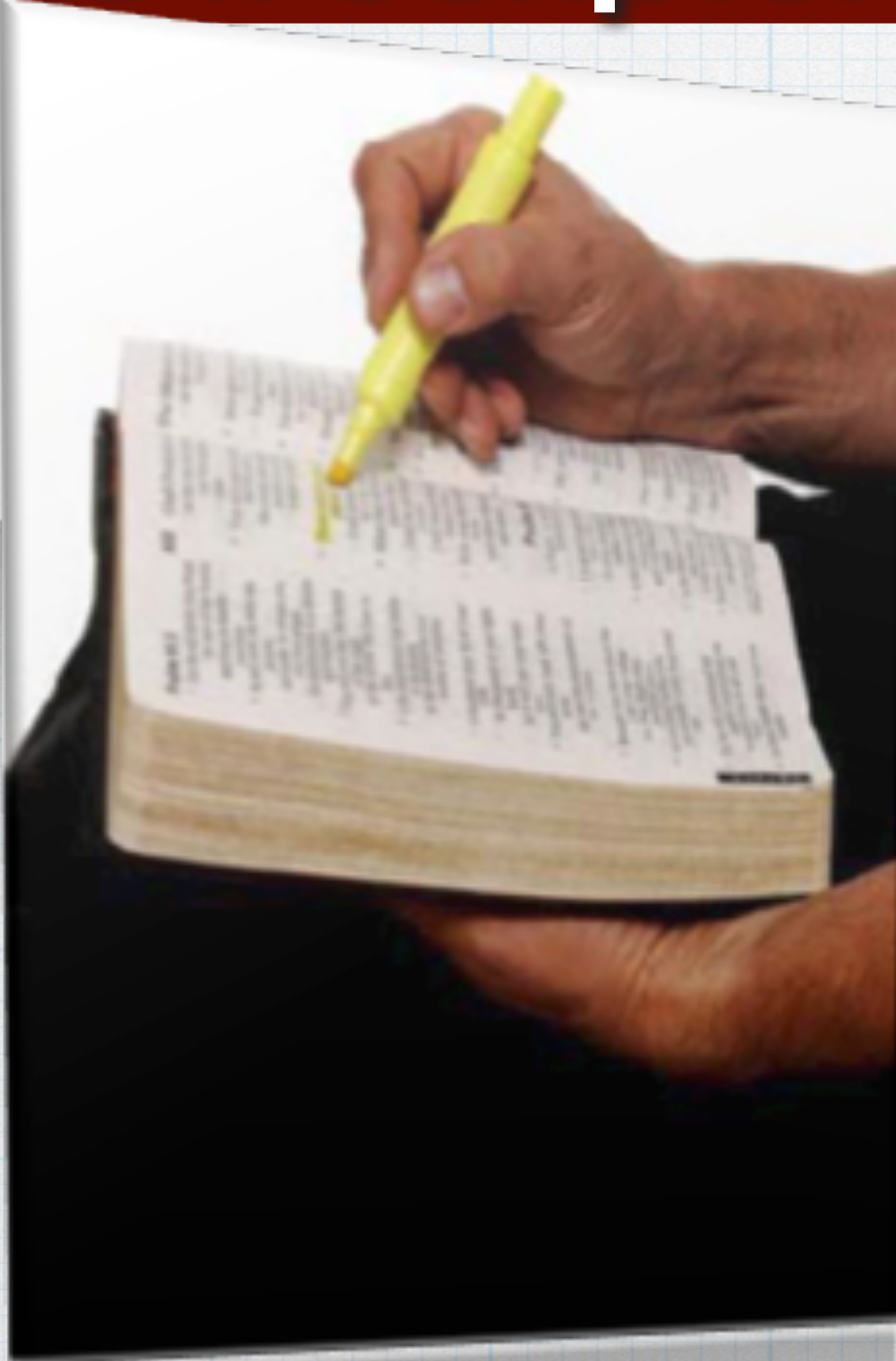


- The Need To Live In Love & Purity (Mark 12:29-31; Col. 3:1-14; 2 Cor 6:14-7:1; Ephe 5:1-18; 1 Pet 1:13-18)
- The Need For Positive Divine Authority For Everything Believed, Taught & Practiced (Mat 21:25; 1 Pet 4:11; Col. 3:17)
- The Plea For Unity Upon What The Bible Says (1 Cor 1:10; John 17:20-22;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

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Is It Scripturally Organized?



- 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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Is It Scripturally Organized?

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
Ephesians 2:20

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Teachers,

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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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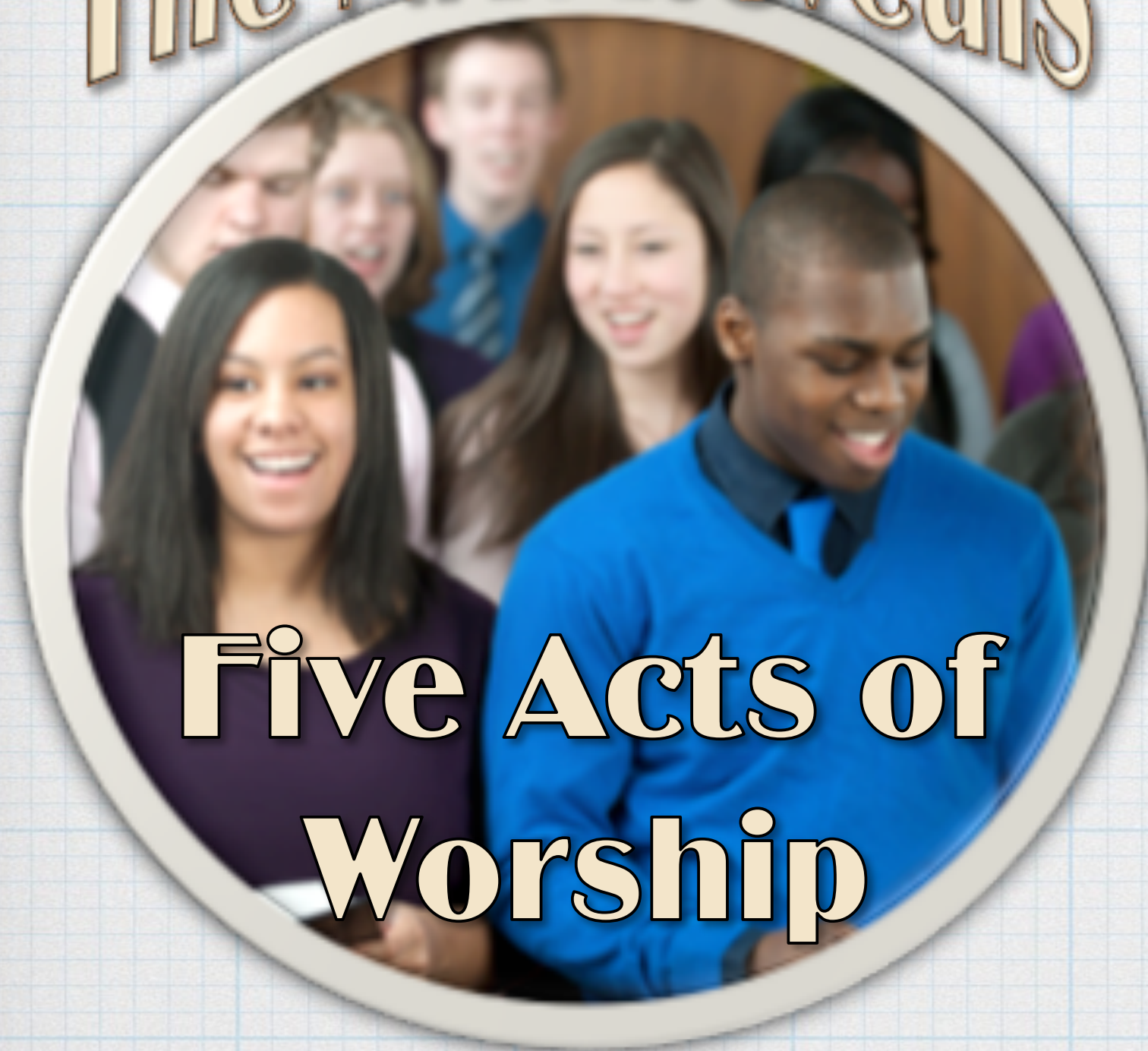


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Is It Scriptural In How It Worships?

The N.T. Reveals



- Studying God's Word (Acts 20:7; Col 4:16; 1 Cor. 14)
- 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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CHURCHES BELONGING TO CHRIST FOLLOW THE PATTERN

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

THE PATTERN FOR THE CHURCH OF CHRIST

CHURCHES BELONGING TO CHRIST FOLLOW THE PATTERN

HAS THE LORD ADDED YOU TO HIS CHURCH?



- Have you heard? (Rom 10:17)
- Have you believed? (John 8:24)
- Have you confessed? (Rom 10:9,10)
- Have you repented? (Luke 13:3,5; Acts 17:30)
- Have you been baptized in the name of Jesus for the remission of your sins? (Mark 16:15,16; Acts 2:38; 10:47,48)

WELCOME - CHURCH OF CHRIST @ HWY 5

TODAY'S LESSON

"CHURCH OF CHRIST MEETING @ 9500 AR 5, ALEXANDER AR. 72002"

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