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## **Christ Built One Church**

- A. Jesus promised to build His church (Matt. 16:18)
- B. Christ purchased the church with His blood (Acts 20:28)
- C. One body/church with one Head (Eph. 4:4; Col. 1:8; Eph. 1:22-23)
- D. Salvation found only in Christ (1 Cor. 1:13; Acts 4:12)
- E. Christians named after Christ, not men (Acts 11:26)
- F. The Lord adds people to His church (Acts 2:47)
- G. Church composed of penitent, baptized believers  
(Acts 2:38-47; 1 Cor. 12:13; Gal. 3:27)

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## **The Church is Essential**

- A. Christ loved and died for the church (Eph. 5:25)
- B. Christ will save His church (Eph. 5:23)
- C. The church displays God's wisdom (Eph. 3:10-11)
- D. The church is the pillar and ground of truth (1 Tim. 3:15)

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## Division is Condemned

- A. Christ prayed for unity among believers (John 17)
- B. Unity based upon truth (John 17:17; Eph. 4:1-6)
- C. Apostles taught same things everywhere (1 Cor. 4:17; Col. 4:16)
- D. Same gospel preached to all churches (Gal. 1:6-9)
- E. Division & sectarian loyalty condemned (1 Cor. 1:10-13; etc)
- F. Carnality causes denominational spirit (1 Cor. 3:1-4)
- G. Christians can and must be perfectly joined together (1 Cor. 1:10)

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## **New Testament Church Organization**

- A. No centralized earthly headquarters
- B. Qualified elders shepherd local churches (1 Tim. 3:1-7; Titus 1:5-9)
- C. Qualified deacons serve local churches (1 Tim. 3:8-13)
- D. Elders oversee local flock only (1 Pet. 5:1-3)
- E. New Testament churches operated independently
- F. No sponsoring church arrangements in scripture
- G. Churches financially assisted needy saints, not non-Christians (Acts 4, 11; Rom. 15:25-26; 1 Cor. 16:1-4; 2 Cor. 8-9)
- H. Churches sent directly to needy saints (Phil. 4:15-16)