



More than just a name. We use this name because it describes us. Helps us convey to the world what they can expect and what they will find when they come here.

What do we mean by *The Church of Christ*? More specifically what does the **Bible** have to say about the church of Christ?

Three Statements:

- ***Members*** of the church of Christ are saved
- ***All*** members of the church of Christ are saved
- ***Only*** members of the church of Christ are saved

The church of Christ

Matt. 16:15-20

- **The:**
 - **Unique Group of People**
1 Peter 2:9-12
 - **Unified Group of People**
Galatians 3:28-29
 - **Uniformed Group of People**
Ephesians 4:3-6

A definite article. I am talking about a specific thing not simply a thing.

So not a church of Christ (Like here at 145 N. Country Club Road) but ***the*** church.

You are either **in** or your **out**.

We are **one** body, not a divided body (like denominationalism). All are welcome to it.

We are **uniformed**, we are **one** in Christ so we follow the **one** Christ!

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- **Church:**
 - **Believers**
John 20:30-31
 - **Penitent Believers**
Acts 3:19, 26:20
 - **Baptized Believers**
Romans 6:3-4; 1 Corinthians 12:13
 - **Faithful Believers**
Colossians 1:18, 21-23

Church – *Ekklesia* (an assembly of people).

Called believers.

But not just believers...

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- **Of:**
 - **Produced By**
Matthew 16:16-18
 - **Purchased By**
Ephesians 1:5-8
 - **Possessed By**
Ephesians 1:22-23

This is a word of possession. This church, this body, only exist because **He** produced it!

Know what makes it one great body of believers? That Jesus built it! The only thing that matters is that Jesus built it and I need to be in **His** church!

Purchased the people by paying off our sins!

Because we are possessed by Jesus I don't have the right to say how the church should function or what it should look like! This is a big problem today that is costing so many their souls. You can't have a body that doesn't listen to its head. It is not the body of Christ unless it is living and worshiping the Lord's way.

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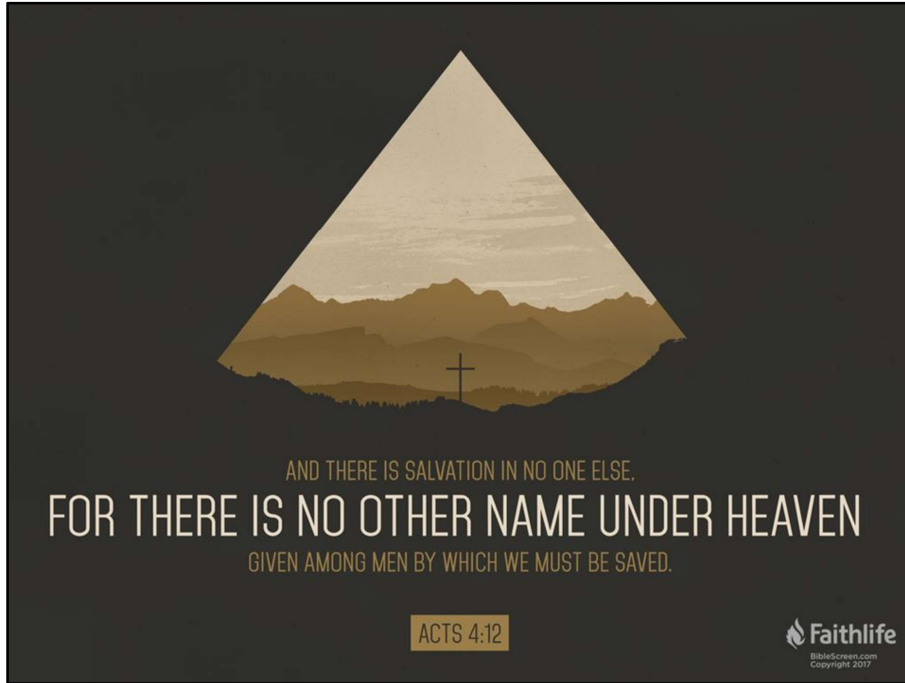
- **Christ:**
 - **Proved through Miracles**
Acts 2:22-23
 - **Fulfilled the Prophecies**
Acts 2:24-28
 - **Raised by His Father**
Acts 2:29-32
 - **He is Lord and Christ**
Acts 2:33-41

You need to know who Christ is you're going to want to be **Of** Him and a part of His **people (Church)**

Peter doesn't start with salvation, he starts with you all need to know who Jesus is.

Miracles proved Him in life, the resurrection proved Him in death.

I want to be in the church that is of Christ because I need resurrection (Frist from sins then ultimately from my physical death.) By His power I will be raised up in new life through baptism and by His power I will be raised up at the end of time to life everlasting.



Only and every last person who belongs to Christ is saved. So, are you a part of His body, His church this morning?