

- The church of Christ is composed of the saved
  - Acts 2:47
- Those in the kingdom are the redeemed
  - Colossians 1:13-14
  - The church was purchased with the blood of Christ
    - Acts 20:28
    - 1 Peter 1:19
- The saved are in Christ
  - Romans 6:3
  - Galatians 3:26-27
- All spiritual blessings are in Christ
  - Ephesians 1:3

# What must one do to be saved?

- Hear the Gospel
  - John 6:44-45
  - Romans 10:17
  - The gospel is God's drawing power
- Believe
  - Hebrews 11:6
  - Acts 2:36
  - Mark 16:16
  - Faith vs. Opinion
    - Faith is produced by hearing (Romans 10:17)
    - Faith requires testimony
    - Without testimony, then opinion
    - Jeremiah 10:23
  - Based upon the testimony of the New Testament, one must believe:
    - The gospel, God's power to save (Romans 1:16)
    - That Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God and the Savior of man (John 8:24)

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# What must one do to be saved?

- Repent
  - Acts 2:38
  - Acts 17:30
  - Repentance is a change of mind
    - Matthew 21:28-29
  - Godly sorrow works repentance
    - 2 Corinthians 7:10
  - Repentance results in a change of action
    - Matthew 21:29
  - Here is a difficult point for many
    - Many will profess to believe in Christ, but they will not do His will
    - What's lacking? They need to repent – change their minds.
    - When one repents, then obedience can follow.
      - But it is getting one to renounce his own will that is difficult
- Confess
  - Romans 10:9-10
  - One must confess that Jesus is Lord and Christ, the Son of the living God

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# What must one do to be saved?

- Be baptized
  - Mark 16:16
  - Baptism is a burial in water
    - Romans 6:3-5
    - Acts 10:47
  - Baptism is for salvation
    - 1 Peter 3:21
  - Baptism is for remission of sins, to wash away sins
    - Acts 2:38
    - Acts 22:16
  - Baptism puts one into Christ
    - Galatians 3:26-27
    - Belief is unto righteousness (Romans 10:10)
    - Repentance is to salvation (2 Corinthians 7:10)
    - Confession is unto salvation (Romans 10:10)
    - Baptism is into Christ
  - Baptism is into one body
    - 1 Corinthians 12:13
- At this point, one is saved, in Christ and in the church that belongs to Christ.
- Now he must remain faithful unto death so that he can receive the eternal inheritance
  - Revelation 2:10

- Jesus taught what one must do to be saved
  - Matthew 28:19-20; Mark 16:16
- The apostles taught what Jesus taught
- The New Testament record demonstrates and exemplifies what Jesus and His apostles taught
- Any other plan or way to be saved is not of God but is of human design and origin

## Therefore, to those accountable:

- If you haven't done what Jesus and His apostles taught in order to be saved, you are not saved
- If you are not saved, you are lost
- If you are lost, you are not a member of the body, the church
- If you are lost, then you have no hope of heaven but instead a fearful expectation of fiery judgment
- If you have obeyed the teaching of Christ and His apostles about how to be saved, you are saved and are a member of His body, His church
- If you are saved, then you are in Christ wherein are all spiritual blessings
- If you are lost, then you are outside Christ, not a member of His church, and outside of all spiritual blessings

# Responsibility of Membership in the Church

- First, make the distinction between the use of the word church in a universal sense and in the local sense
- When saved, then added by the Lord to the church in the universal sense
  - Acts 2:47
- Received by other Christians in the church in a local sense
  - Acts 9:26-28
  - Acts 18:27
  - 1 Corinthians 1:2; Galatians 1:2; Philippians 1:1; 1 Thessalonians 1:1

# Responsibility of Membership in the Church

- Colossians is an excellent epistle to see many responsibilities of the saved
  - **Colossians 2:5-7**
    - Good order and steadfast in faith
    - Walk (live) in Christ
    - Be established and grow in the faith
    - Abounding in thanksgiving
    - Beware of error
  - **Colossians 1:9-12**
    - Filled with knowledge and understanding
    - Walk worthy of the Lord
    - Fruitful in every good work
    - Increasing in knowledge
    - Strengthened in patience, longsuffering, joy, and thanksgiving
  - **Colossians 1:2; 3:12-17**
    - Joined with other Christians in love
  - **Colossians 3**
    - Put off old man and put on new
    - Every relationship affected
  - **Colossians 4:5-6**
    - An influence for righteousness in the world



# What about responsibility in the local church?

- Ask yourself for each of these points:
  - What is the impact if I do these things?
  - What is the impact if I don't do these things?
- Joint participation, fellowship
  - 1 Corinthians 11, 14
  - Hebrews 10:24-25
  - Ephesians 4:16
  - 1 Corinthians 16:1-4
- Preserving peace, unity, harmony,
  - 1 Corinthians 1:10
  - 1 Corinthians 12:25
  - Ephesians 4:1-3
  - Romans 16:17-18

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- Maintaining purity
  - Ephesians 5:25-27
  - 2 Timothy 2:19-22
  - James 1:27
  - 1 Timothy 6:11, 4:12, 5:22
  - 1 John 3:3
  - 1 Corinthians 5:4-7
- Subjection to elders
  - 1 Peter 5:1-5
  - Hebrews 13:17

# Individual's Responsibilities in the Local Church as Seen in 1 Corinthians

- Be free from divisiveness (chapter 1)
- Stand firmly upon only the word of God (chapters 2, 4)
- Build up the body through teaching others (chapters 3, 4)
- Live morally upright and righteously (chapters 5-7)
- Have concern about the conscience of others (chapters 8, 10)
- Join with brethren in proper worship (chapter 11)
- Respect each other's place and importance (chapter 12)
- Be filled with love (chapter 13)
- Seek spiritual edification of brethren (chapter 14)
- Be filled with hope (chapter 15)
- Sacrifice in support of the collective work (chapter 16)