

The One True Church

Part 3

*“Examine yourselves, whether
ye be in the faith; prove
yourselves.”* **2 Corinthians 13:5**

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Worship: One True Church

➤ True Worship

- **John 4:21-24, *the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers SHALL worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. God is a Spirit: and they that worship him MUST worship him in spirit and in truth.***



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➤ Not Ignorant Worship

- **Acts 17:23**, *“I passed by, and beheld your devotions, I found an altar with this inscription, TO THE UNKNOWN GOD. Whom therefore ye ignorantly worship...”*



➤ Not Vain Worship

- **Matthew 15:8-9**, *“...people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me. But in vain they do worship me teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.”*



Worship: One True Church

- **Lord's Supper, “*in spirit and in truth*”**
 - **Acts. 20:7**, “...upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread...”
 - **1 Corinthians 11:23-25**, “...the Lord Jesus the same night in which he was betrayed took BREAD: And when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me. After the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped, saying, This CUP is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me...”



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➤ Singing, *“in spirit and in truth”*



➤ **Ephesians 5:19**, *“Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord...”*

➤ **Colossians 3:16**, *“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.”*



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- **Giving, “*in spirit and in truth*”**
 - **1 Corinthians 16:1-2**, “*Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I have given order to the churches of Galatia, even so do ye. Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him,...*”
 - **2 Corinthians 9:7**, “*Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.*”



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- **Teaching, “*in spirit and in truth*”**
 - **Acts 2:42, “*they continued steadfastly in the apostles doctrine...*”**
 - **Acts 20:7, “*upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached unto them...*”**
 - **2 Timothy 4:2-4, “Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. (WHY?) *For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine...*”**



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- **Praying, “*in spirit and in truth*”**
 - **Acts 2:42**, “...they continued steadfastly in the apostles’ doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.”
 - **1 Thessalonians, 5:17-18**, “Pray without ceasing. In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.”
 - **1 Timothy 2:1**, “...supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men.”



Organization: One True Church

- **Self-governing under Christ's rule**
 - **1 Peter 5:4**, He is our, *“chief Shepherd”*
 - **1 Peter 2:25**, *“...Shepherd...of your souls.”*
- **Elders Overseeing, Tending, & Feeding**
 - **1 Timothy 3:1-7; Titus 1:5-9**
 - **Hebrews 13:17**, *“...obey them that have rule over you, and submit your selves; for they watch for your souls...”*
- **Deacons To Serve & Administer**
 - **1 Timothy 3:8-13**,
 - **Acts 6:1-7**, As those who served the Grecian widows



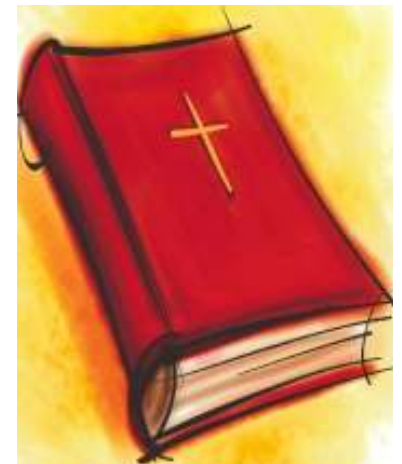
Devotion: One True Church

➤ To the Eternal Word

➤ **1 Peter 1:24-25**, *“The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away: But the word of the Lord endureth for ever.”*

➤ To the Complete, Inspired Word

➤ **2 Timothy 3:16-17**, *“All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.”*



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➤ To the Saving Word

- **James 1:21**, “...receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls.”



➤ To the Comforting Word

- **1 Thessalonians 4:14-18**, “...if we believe that Jesus died and rose again,?... comfort one another with these words.”

➤ To the Powerful word

- **Hebrews 4:12**, “...the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two edged sword...”

Examples: One True Church

Examples of Christ, **1 Peter 2:21**, “...*Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps...*”

➤ Respect for Family

➤ **Luke 2:51**, Jesus was “...subject unto them (parents): but his mother kept all these sayings in her heart...”

➤ Obedience to the Heavenly Father

➤ **John 5:30**, “...I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me.”



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➤ Obedience to Civil Government

- **Matthew 22:21**, “Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar’s and unto God the things that are God’s.”



➤ Love for Our Enemies

- **Matthew 5:44**, “...Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you...”
- **Luke 23:34**, “Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do.”



Example: One True Church

➤ Duty to the Lost

- **Matthew 18:11-14**, “...the Son of man is come to save that which was lost...(Lost Sheep)...it is not the will of your Father which is in heaven, that one of these little ones should perish.”
- **Matthew 28:19-20**, “Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them...teach them to observe all things...I have commanded you.”

➤ Love for the Church

- **Ephesians 5:25**, “...Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it...”



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