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- **Misconceptions about the church:**

- “All churches have one goal, honoring God.”

Mal. 1:6-8

- “The church one goes does not matter, what matters is your relationship with Christ.”

Acts 20:28; Eph. 5:23

- “Aren’t we all Christians?”

John 3:5; Matt. 7:21-23; Luke 6:46

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- Organization:

- Elders and deacons in every church.

Phil. 1:1; Titus 1:5 cf. Acts 14:23

- Never do we read of such offices as “lead pastor” “executive pastor” “senior pastor” “worship pastor” “assistant pastor”

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- **Worship:**
 - **Singing. Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16**
 - **Prayer. 1 Thess. 5:17; 1 Cor. 14:40; Matt. 6:7-8**
 - **Communion. Acts 20:7; 1 Cor. 11:23-25**
 - **Contribution. 1 Cor. 16:1-2; 2 Cor. 9:7**
 - **Preaching. 2 Tim. 4:1-4; 1 Cor. 2:1-5**

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- Some identifying marks of the church Jesus build.
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 - Purpose:
 - Save souls. *Eph. 3:10; 1 Tim. 4:16*
 - Never do we read in Scripture that the church provided entertainment, community services, ect. as part of its work.

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- **What about all these churches that do so much good?**
 - Good in the sight of whom? **Mark 10:17-18; Gal. 1:10**
 - No matter what good they may do, if not according to God's will, they do not please Him. **Ps. 127:1a; Matt. 15:8-9**
 - Some will get offended that we preach this, but the Lord doesn't care. **Matt. 15:12-14**
 - God wants those who will obey Him. **1 Sam. 15:22-23; John 4:22-24**

God's Plan To Save Man

God's Plan:

Believe – *John 8:24; John 1:12*

Repent – *Acts 17:30-31; Luke 13:3*

Confess – *Rom. 10:10; Matt. 10:32*

Be baptized – *Mark 16:16; Acts 10:48*

↳ Puts us into Christ - *Gal. 3:27*

Saves us - *1 Peter 3:21*

Puts us into His body (church)

- *1 Cor. 12:13*

Washes our sins away – *Acts 22:16*

Remain Faithful to the Lord

Col. 1:22-23 - Rev. 2:10 - 1 Cor. 15:58

God's Plan In Action:

Who?	Condition	Prescription	Result
Jailer Acts 16:30-33	Non-believer	Believe – Repent – Baptised	Saved
Jews Acts 2:37-38	Believed	– Repent – Baptised	Forgiveness of Sins
Saul Acts 22:16	Penitent Believer	– Baptised	Washed away sins
Simon Acts 8:22	Unfaithful Christian	Repent - Pray	Forgiveness

What Are My Options?

