



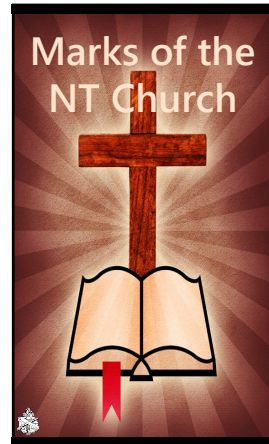
**Spring 2017
Gospel
Meeting**

*Fifth Street East
Church of Christ*

"I Am A Member Of The
Church Of Christ
Because ..."

It Bears The Marks Of The
New Testament Church
(Part 2)

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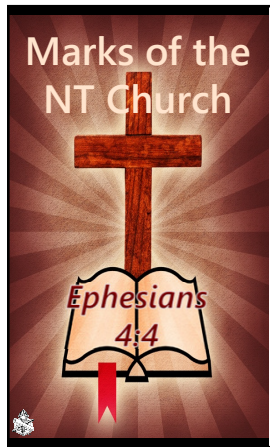


**Marks of the
NT Church**

➤ **The church of Christ
is identifiable,
*Hebrews 12:22-23***

- Not physical marks,
John 18:36
- God-defined marks,
*(Ezekiel 40:2-5; 43:4-7,
10-12; 37:25-28)*
- Visionary depiction of
the church (temple of
God), *2 Corinthians
6:16-18; Ephesians 2:19-
22*

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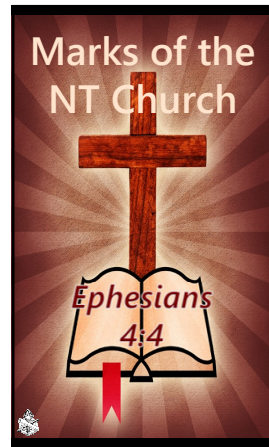
*Ephesians
4:4*

➤ **Contrast with this
denominational
mindset:**

- "A *passion* for God"
- "A *preoccupation* with prayer"
- "The *presence* of true community"
- "The *priority* of global outreach"
- "A *practice* of equipping believers"
- "The *proliferation* of lay servants and ministers"

("The Marks of a New Testament church...," Len Woods)

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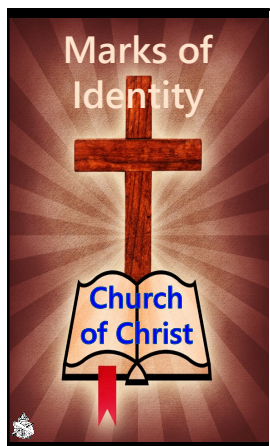


**Marks of the
NT Church**

*Ephesians
4:4*

The church of
Christ is not a
denomination
built by men!
Matthew 16:18

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**Marks of
Identity**

**Church
of Christ**

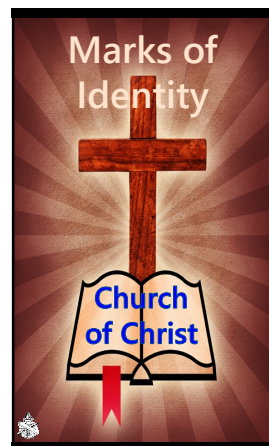
**IDENTIFYING THE
CHURCH OF CHRIST**

➤ **ITS AUTHORITY:
JESUS CHRIST**

- ✓ All authority, *Matthew 28:18*
- ✓ Head over all, *Ephesians 1:20-23*
- ✓ Whatever you do, *Colossians 3:17*
- ✓ Hear Him, *Matthew 17:5*

John 12:48

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**Marks of
Identity**

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**IDENTIFYING THE
CHURCH OF CHRIST**

➤ **ITS MEMBERSHIP:
CHRISTIANS**

- ✓ The saved, *Acts 2:36-41*
 - ❑ Hear the gospel
 - ❑ Believe in Jesus Christ
 - ❑ Confess faith in Christ
 - ❑ Repent of sins
 - ❑ Be baptized
- ✓ Composed of Christians, not churches, *Acts 2:47*

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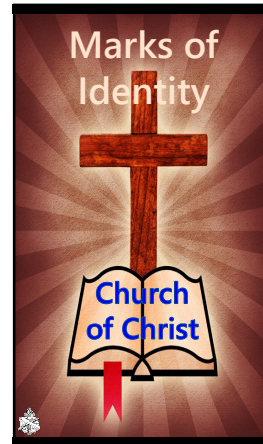
IDENTIFYING THE CHURCH OF CHRIST

➤ **ITS ORGANIZATION:**

LOCAL CONGREGATIONS

- ✓ Local, independent churches, *Acts 11:22, 26; 16:4-5; 1 Corinthians 16:1*
- ☐ Elders, *Acts 14:23*
- ☐ Deacons, *Philippians 1:1*
- ☐ Saints, *Philippians 1:1 (Acts 2:47)*
- ✓ No mother ... sponsoring ... mission ... sister churches
- ✓ No dioceses or districts

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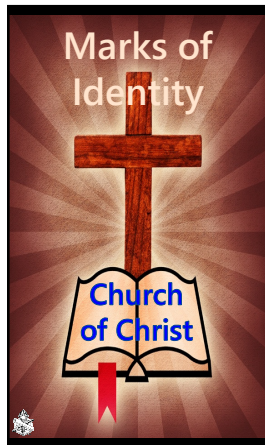
➤ **ITS WORSHIP:**

IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH

John 4:23-24; Acts 2:42

- ✓ Lord's Supper, *Acts 20:7*
- ✓ Prayer, *Acts 2:42*
- ✓ Singing, *Ephesians 5:19*
- ✓ Giving, *1 Corinthians 16:2*
- ✓ Teaching, *1 Corinthians 14:26*

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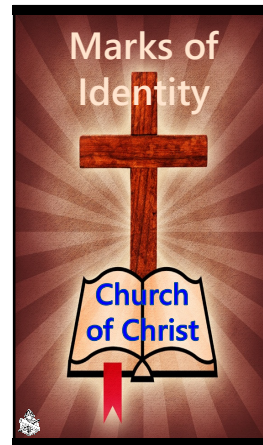
IDENTIFYING THE CHURCH OF CHRIST

➤ **ITS WORK:**

SPIRITUAL IN NATURE
(Local church is adequate)

- ✓ Evangelism, *Acts 13:2-3*
- ✓ Edification, *Ephesians 4:11-13*
- ✓ Benevolence, *Acts 2:44-45*
 - ☐ Believers, *Acts 4:32-35*
 - ☐ Disciples, *Acts 6:1-6*
 - ☐ Brethren, *Acts 11:27-30*
- ✓ Its charter must be obeyed, *1 Corinthians 4:6 (1 Timothy 5:16)*

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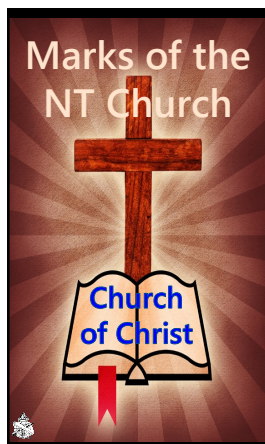
Marks of Identity

IDENTIFYING THE CHURCH OF CHRIST

➤ **ITS WAY OF LIFE:**

- ✓ Sanctified, *John 17:17*
- ✓ Live by faith, *2 Corinthians 5:7*
- ✓ Serve righteousness through obedient faith, *Romans 6:13-18*
- ✓ Living sacrifices, *Romans 12:1-2*
- ✓ Always put Christ first, *Matthew 6:33-34*

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Marks of the NT Church

- The churches of men are not the church of Christ
- Only local churches that bear the Bible marks of identity are churches of Christ

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