

The Importance Of The Lord's Church

- Danger to view the church in human terms
 - purpose becomes lost
 - work is stifled
 - organization is corrupted
 - worship is dead
- I. Heaven Sent
 - Eternal purpose: Ephesians 1:3-6; 3:10-11; Revelation 4:11
 - God's promise: Genesis 12:1-3; Galatians 3:8-9, 26-29
 - Fulfilled prophecy: Daniel 2:44; Romans 3:21-22; John 5:39; Mark 9:1

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- Preparatory period – “at hand”: Matthew 3:1-2
- Present: Acts 2:29-33; Colossians 1:13; Galatians 4:4; Titus 2:11-12
- II. Blood Bought
 - Old Testament things ratified by blood: Hebrews 9:18-22
 - We have a “better” sacrifice: Hebrews 9:23-26; Ephesians 1:7; 2:13
 - Church purchased with Jesus' blood: Acts 20:28; Ephesians 2:13; 1 Peter 1:18-20

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- III. Spirit Filled
 - The Holy Spirit in man's redemption – reveal the truth: John 16:13; 1 Corinthians 2:10-13
 - What the Holy Spirit does, the word does: Ephesians 5:18-19; Colossians 3:16
 - The Christian (individually), and church (collectively) are filled with the Spirit: 1 Corinthians 6:19-20; Ephesians 2:21-22; 1 Corinthians 12:13
- IV. Faith Moved: 1 Thessalonians 1:2-8; 2:13; 3:2, 6-7; 2 Thessalonians 3:1