

The Church of the Bible

The Entrance into the Church

- I. One Cannot Join the Lord's Church
 - A. Acts 9:26 – Paul sought to join himself to a local congregation, but he was already a member of the church
 - B. Acts 5:12-14 – Instead of joining, believers were added.

- II. One Must Be Added by the Lord
 - A. Acts 2:21, 39, 47 – The Lord calls, saves, and adds.
 - B. Acts 11:24 – Souls were added through preaching the Gospel.
 - C. Acts 2:38, 41 – Souls were added by obeying the Gospel.

- III. Jesus Is the Door
 - A. John 10:7-9 – Jesus is the Door of the sheepfold.
 - B. John 14:6 – He alone is the access to salvation (cf. Rom. 5:1-2; Eph. 2:18; Heb. 10:19-22).

- IV. Salvation Is in Jesus
 - A. Acts 4:12 – No other name
 - B. Ephesians 1:7 – No other forgiveness
 - C. Ephesians 1:3 – No other blessings
 - D. Galatians 3:26-29 – No other promise

- V. To Be in Jesus, One Must Obey the Gospel
 - A. Galatians 3:26-27 – Baptized into Christ
 - B. Matthew 28:18-19 – Baptized into His name (authority)
 - C. Romans 6:3-4 – Baptized into His death
 - D. Mark 16:16 – Baptized into forgiveness (Acts 2:38)
 - E. 1 Corinthians 12:13 – Baptized into His body, the church (Eph. 1:22-23)
 - F. Baptism is preceded by:
 - 1. Hearing the Gospel (Rom. 10:17)
 - 2. Faith in Jesus (Heb. 11:6)
 - 3. Repentance of sin (Acts 17:30)
 - 4. Confession of the name of Jesus (Rom. 10:9-10)