

What is the most important thing about a church? What matters most?

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Answer: What matters the most about every church (every place, every day) is what the church **believes**.

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THE MOST IMPORTANT THING ABOUT . . .

CHURCH—What it Believes

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—Acts 2:41-42 ESV

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Our foundation of faith is the Bible.

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“The Holy Bible was written by men divinely inspired and is God’s revelation of Himself to man. It is a perfect treasure of divine instruction. It has God for its author, salvation for its end, and truth, without any mixture of error, for its matter.”

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“Therefore, all Scripture is totally true and trustworthy. It reveals the principles by which God judges us, and therefore is, and will remain to the end of the world, the true center of Christian union, and the supreme standard by which all human conduct, creeds, and religious opinions should be tried.”

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“All Scripture is a testimony to Christ, who is Himself the focus of divine revelation.”

—Baptist Faith & Message, 2000

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¹⁶All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work.

—2 Timothy 3:16-17 ESV

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⁷The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple; ⁸the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes; ⁹the fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever; the rules of the LORD are true, and righteous altogether.

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¹⁰More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.

—Psalm 19:7-10 ESV

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MEMBERS—They are Believers

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“Many people think that the mark of an authentic Christian is doctrinal purity; if a person’s beliefs are biblical and doctrinally orthodox, then he is a Christian. People who equate orthodoxy with authenticity find it hard to even consider the possibility that, despite the correctness of all their doctrinal positions, they have missed the deepest reality of the authentic Christian life.”

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“But we must never forget true Christianity is more than a way of teaching; it is a way of life. In fact, it is life itself. ‘He who has the Son has life,’ remember? When we talk about life, we are talking about something that is far more than mere morality, far more than doctrinal accuracy.”

—Ray Stedman

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⁴⁶And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

—Acts 2:46-47 ESV

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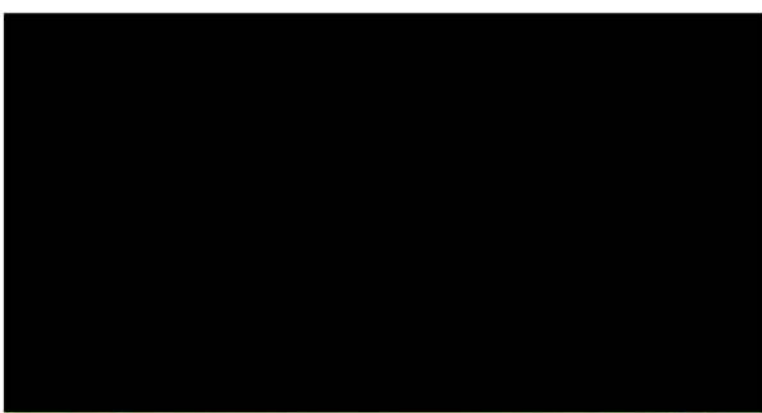
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Gathering Together

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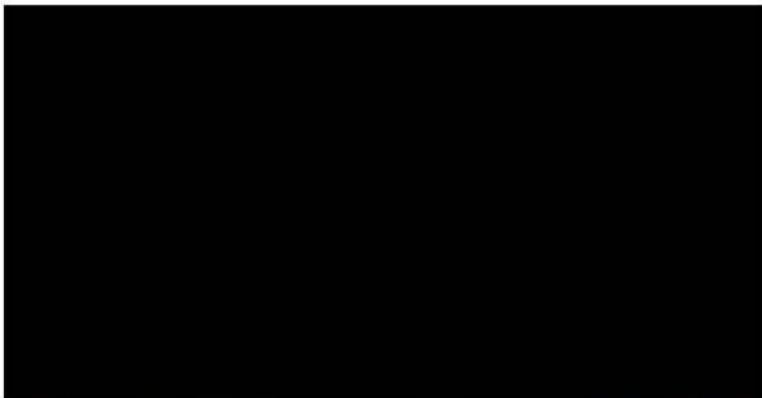
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Giving Out

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MINISTRIES—Lead People to Believe

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We exist for people who are
not here yet!

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